SAC (100-31723) 1/5/61

SA FORREST F. BURGESS

CPUSA - ORGANIZATION;
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On 12/15/60, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS of the following. This information was dictated on 12/22/60 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 12/23/60, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 12/29/60. It is maintained in [redacted]

"Philadelphia, Pa.
[redacted]

"PHIL BART sent [redacted] a letter dated [redacted] indicating the National Secretariat, CPUSA, had decided to postpone the next meeting of the National Committee, CPUSA, which was scheduled to be held on 12/16/60 and instead it would be held on January 20, 21, and 22, 1961. According to this letter this was being done to assure for the most thorough preparation and to take in account a number of new important developments. The letter also reflected that the main report of [redacted] would reach the members of the National Committee by 1/15/61 so that they could come to the meeting of the National Committee scheduled for 1/20,21,22/61 prepared to make the fullest contribution to the discussion and decisions at this meeting. The letter further reflected the National Executive Committee, CPUSA, would meet in the meantime to prepare a document dealing with the elections and the major tasks in connection with the opening of Congress."

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2 - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100- [redacted]

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5 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-31723
1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-35156 [redacted]
1 - 65-1686
1 - [redacted]

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TO: SAC, DETROIT DATE: 1/3/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of info Activities at CP, USA, Headquarters on 12/7/60
Date received 12/9/60
Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)
Original location [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

1 - Detroit (100-13420)(CARL WINTER)(RM)
1 - [redacted] [redacted]
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH)(422)
1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN)(421)
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER)(415)
1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)(415)
1 - NY 100-128255 (DANNY RUBIN)(415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY 100-91308 (PHIL BONOSKY)(424)
1 - NY 100-8033 (ELIZABETH LAWSON)(422)
1 - NY 100-129629 (WM. ALBERTSON)(414)
1 - NY 100-94429 (SAUL GROSS)(424)
1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL)(415)
1 - NY 100-9595 (WM. WEINSTONE)(414)
1 - NY 100-90565 (WANDA HARTUNG)(421)
1 - NY 100-135736 (MARVIN MARKMAN)(414)
1 - NY 100-120054 [redacted]
1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)(415)
1 - NY 100-133566 [redacted]
1 - NY 100-84275 (WM. PATTERSON)(414)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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At C.P. headquarters on Dec. 7/60 these people were seen.

JEAN SMITH
RUTH SHULMAN
HI LUMAR
IRVING POTASH
DANNY RUBIN
PHIL BART
[redacted]
ELIZABETH LAWSON
WM. ALBERTSON
SAUL GROSS

GUS HALL
CARL WINTER
WM. WEINSTONE
WANDA HARTUNG
MARVIN MARKMAN
[redacted]
BEN DAVIS
[redacted]
WM. PATTERSON

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WANDA HARTUNG is about 70 or more. She came in as a volunteer helper to get the WINSTON mailing out. She had just that day paid a deposit on an apartment in the Houseing Project at 126th St. She said she expected to move anytime but had to wait to be told when to move. She now lives at 2816 Bronx Park East. Phone number - O.L. 5-5240.

[redacted] also came in to help with the mailing. She worked about 20 minutes.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, CHICAGO DATE: 1/3/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
IS - C
(OO: NY)

1 - Chicago (61-867)(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)(RM)
1 - Detroit (100-13420)(CARL WINTER)(RM)
1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN)(421)
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH)(422)
1 - NY 100-102546 (STANLEY GOODMAN)(422)
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER)(415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL)(415)
1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)(415)
1 - NY 100-9595 (WM. WEINSTONE)(415)
1 - NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)(415)
1 - NY 100-71105 (FANNY HECHTMAN)(424)
1 - NY 100-128255 (DANNY RUBIN)(415)
1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)(414)
1 - NY 100-120054 [redacted]
1 - NY 100-135275 (HENRY CLAYTON)(424)
1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)(415)
1 - NY 100-95550 (PAUL ROBESON, JR.)(414)
1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)(415)
1 - NY 100-25623 (ERIK BERT)(422)
1 - NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON)(424)
1 - NY 100-55393 (ADA BRODSKY)(424)
1 - NY 100-118174 (MILT ROSEN)(414)
1 - NY 100-91308 (PHIL BONOSKY)(424)
1 - NY 100-117708 (MIKE STEIN)(414)
1 - NY 100-135736 (MARVIN MARKMAN)(414)
1 - NY 100-129629 (WM. ALBERTSON)(414)
1 - NY 100-134953 (SARAH JAFFE)(41)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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| Description of info | Activities at CP, USA, Headquarters on 12/6/60 |
| Date received | 12/9/60 |
| Received by | SA JOHN A. HAAG (written) |
| Original location | [redacted] |

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

NY 100-80641

Dec. 8/60

At C.P. Headquarters on Dec. 6/60 these people were seen.

RUTH SHULMAN
JEAN SMITH
STANLEY GOODMAN
HI LUMAR
PHIL BART
GUS HALL
IRVING POTASH
WM. WEINSTONE
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
FANNY HELTMAN
DANNY RUBIN
BETTY GANNETT
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HANK- HENRY CLAYTON

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
BEN DAVIS
PAUL REBESON JR.
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
ERIC BERK
DOROTHY ROBINSON
ADA BRODSKY
MILT ROSEN
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MIKE STEIN
MARVIN MARKMAN
WM. ALBERTSON
CARL WINTER

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The work was done in IRVING POTASH's office which in in the rear of the National office. Not much was seen or heard there and those who were seen were seen in passing.

Once when in the State office to run an article for the National office MIKE STEIN and MARVIN MARKMAN were seen going into WM. ALBERTSON's office. HENRY CLAYTON was [redacted] talking to [redacted] He was heard asking her if she had made up her mind [redacted] and she said yes.

[redacted] told SARAH JAFFE that she was going to Toronto Canada to visit her Aunt for a week as she needed a rest and would leave N.Y. on the following Monday.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415) DATE: 12/29/60

FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
IS-C

Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of info Activities at CP, USA, Headquarters on 11/17/60
Date received 12/9/60
Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)
Original location [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

1 - [redacted] [redacted]
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH)(422)
1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN)(421)
1 - NY 100-120054 [redacted]
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON)(424)
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1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)(414)
1 - NY 100-129629 (WM. ALBERTSON)(414)
1 - NY 100-134953 (SARAH JAFFE)(41)
1 - NY 100-102546 (STANLEY GOODMAN)(422)
1 - NY 100-128255 (DANNY RUBIN)(415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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Dec. 7/60

At C.P. headquarters on Nov. 17/60 these people were seen.

JEAN SMITH
RUTH SHULMAN
[redacted]
PHIL BART
DOROTHY ROBINSON
ADA BRODSKY
ERIC BERK
FANNY HELTMAN
WM. WEINSTONE
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
CLARENCE HATHAWAY
BETTY GANNETT
WM. ALBERTSON
SARAH JAFFE
STANLEY GOODMAN
DANNY RUBIN

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Nothing of importance was noted. There was no work.

SAC, NY (100-9365) 12/29/60

SA HAROLD P. QUINN, 415

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
IS-C; SA-40

On 12/17/60, NY 1750-S* advised that PHILIP BART discussed with his wife, CONNIE, the possibility of turning the subject's apartment over to ELIZABETH FLYNN when the subject leaves the country. He also mentioned that FLYNN'S apartment would be given to HY LUMER. He said that there would have to be some "bribing of the landlords" to accomplish this.

1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415)
1 - NY (100-9365)(415)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-14)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - CHICAGO DIVISION
IS-C
(CO: Chicago)

On 12/22/70, NY 2010-C advised on this date, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT of Chicago, was in contact with PHIL CARR at CP headquarters, N.Y. LIGHTFOOT said that JIM [illegible] is sitting here with 'an mail on the week end" and 'the Red Squad' just left here and 'offered us protection.'

It is believed that the reference is to the forthcoming meeting of an organizing committee for a Marxist Youth organization scheduled to be held in Chicago beginning 12/28/70.

Above for information.

2-Bureau (100-3-14) (RM)
3-Chicago (RM)
(1- 1-427) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
2-New York (100-56579) (PHIL CARR) (AL)
1-New York (05-2577)
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1-Supervisor #415

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-7908) DATE: 12/27/60

FROM: SA DARREL B. CURRIE

RE: CP, USA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
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Date of Report 12/20/60

Date(s) of activity 12/11/60

Brief description of activity or material

Attendance at District Convention

CP, USA, New England District, Chelsea,

Mass. 12/11/60

File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of this informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Informant's report follows:

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(4)- New York (RM)
1 - 100-87211 (CPUSA, FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-80641 (CPUSA, ORGANIZATION)
(1)- 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-23825
25- Boston (See copies next page)
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1 - 100-7908 (CPUSA, New England District)
1 - 100-10072 [redacted]
1 - 100-24914 (PHIL BART)
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1 - 100-18211
1 - 100-24406
1 - 100-20778 (CPUSA, MEMBERSHIP)
1 - 100-12138
1 - 100-547
1 - 100-15973
1 - 100-568
1 - 100-16208
1 - 100-22939
1 - 100-20787 (CPUSA, FACTIONALISM)
1 - 100-16191 (CPUSA, FUNDS)
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[redacted] and asked [redacted] right away in [redacted] as they had to go someplace, [redacted] to [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] said they were going to Chelsea, that [redacted] and [redacted] to the District Convention of the Communist Party, New England District which was being held in Chelsea that day [redacted] said that they were representing the [redacted] On the way to Chelsea, [redacted] that the convention was being held to discuss the position of [redacted] in the New England District. [redacted] said [redacted] had been [redacted] and that [redacted] as [redacted] pending the action of this convention. [redacted] said he felt that the members were taking advantage of [redacted] justified [redacted] actions all the way. [redacted] and [redacted]

stopped at a restaurant in Chelsea to eat where they [redacted] who was also headed for the CP Convention. [redacted] said that Ben Davis and Phil Bart would be at the convention representing the National Office of the Communist Party. The convention started at about 10:15 A.M. at the Jewish Children's Recreation Center on Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Mass. Anne Burlak Timpson and Mildred Goodwin were stationed at the door. b7D

"Otis A. Hood was named as Chairman for the Convention over the protests of Joe Chase, Phil Koritz and Homer Chase who said that they didn't want Hood as he had been against them. Ben Landey was made Secretary for the convention. A rules committee was set up consisting of Anne Burlak Timpson, Otis A. Hood, Ben Landey and Lewis Johnson. Following this there was considerable discussion as to whether they should proceed with the main business of the convention, that is, the question of Homer Chase or whether the meeting should be turned over to the principal speaker, Ben Davis. It was voted to have Ben Davis speak first.

"Davis, in his talk, explained the situation in Cuba saying that the United States imperialism was causing Castro trouble. Davis spoke of the situation in Germany, blaming the United States for all the trouble there. Davis seemed to be playing for time until he could get around to discuss the real reason for his trip to Boston which was the situation involving Homer Chase. Davis then went into an explanation of Communist Party policy saying that it must be carried out by everyone in the Communist Party. He said Homer Chase had failed to carry out the Communist Policy substituting a form of "Homerism" for communism to the extent that today the Communist Party in New England is about to cease being an operating group. Davis mentioned that Homer Chase had been suspended temporarily from his position as District Organizer and that this convention must now eliminate him entirely and either secure a new one or find ways and means to start moving in the right direction.

"Lewis Johnson then gave the report for the Rules Committee, setting forth the local CP situation. Johnson said Homer Chase had caused real trouble in this area and that among

other things had secured a lawyer to force Anne Burlak Timpson to turn over some of the Communist Party money. Johnson said Homer Chase feels that the FBI is being used by someone in the Communist Party against Homer Chase's program as District Organizer. Lewis Johnson's report made Homer Chase look bad. Johnson said Homer paid no attention to the national office but had better ways of doing things. Johnson said the local district had cut off Homer Chase's pay as District Organizer but that Homer Chase got $80.00 once and $50.00 another time in salary. Homer Chase interrupted and said he didn't get the $50.00. Lewis Johnson continued saying it was no longer possible for Homer Chase to remain as District Organizer and for the Party to survive.

"Following the report of the Rules Committee, Homer Chase took the floor to defend himself but everybody told him to sit down and there was almost a fist fight between Homer Chase, Lewis Johnson and Joe Chase. Following this, names were placed in nomination for a standing committee of five. Six persons were nominated and the highest five were to be elected. Homer Chase was one of those nominated but he received the lowest number of votes and so he was not elected. Following this, the convention adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

"Everyone was asked to stay in the building during the lunch period for security reasons and someone went out for food. During the lunch period Ben Davis spoke of a previous meeting he had attended at Edward Teixeira's house and what a successful meeting it had been. Davis seemed very interested in Vernice Gabriel's becoming a member and said her position was good. Ben Davis said that the Communist Party in Boston fights so much that they have no room for negroes. He then said he had been to Boston three times to try to get Homer Chase to change his tactics which were against the National CP policy and that the National Office would not put up with his tactics any longer.

"Anne Burlak Timpson agreed with remarks by Ben Davis about Homer Chase and Peggy Schirmer said she was hopeful that things would straighten out.

"There were 33 delegates to this convention and one or two alternates. Among those who attended were Otis A. Hood, Anne Burlak Timpson, Lewis Johnson, Harold Lewengrub, Peggy Schirmer, Joe Chase, Homer Chase, Rachel Chase, Phil Baker, Phil Bart, Ben Davis, Ben Landey, Mildred Goodwin, Joe Costa, Ernest Audet, James Rex, Ed Teixeira and Phil Koritz."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to the above information.

Informant advised he was [redacted] of [redacted] at [redacted] in order to [redacted] and therefore, [redacted] concerning the afternoon session. b7D

It is noted that [redacted] has advised that [redacted] was [redacted] of the [redacted] at this convention. [redacted] is not aware of this as he has not been in contact with any other members since the day of the convention.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC (100-20787) DATE: 12/23/60

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP - FACTIONALISM

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Date of Report 11/15/60

Date(s) of activity [redacted]

Brief description of activity or material

Visit of [redacted] [redacted] Mass., during which Party business discussed.

File where original is located if not attached [redacted]

Remarks:

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of the source.

CC: (2) - New York (100-87211) (RM)
VI - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
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100-20779 (CP - ORGANIZATION)
100-7908 (CP - USA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT)
100-31648 (CP - COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
100-16410 (CP - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
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Informant's written report follows:

"Nov. 15

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"Namely the concern being we didn't want to lose any more members than possible.

[redacted] thought the Nat. Committee shouldn't try to include [redacted] followers along with [redacted] He thought we should try to unite such people as [redacted] with the Party if possible.

[redacted] thought we should discuss this with a member of the Nat. Committee. In the meantime, i.e., since the [redacted] meeting [redacted] where this had been discussed [redacted] had called [redacted] and learned that Phil Bart had gone back to N.Y. [redacted] had suggested that comrades on the North Shore discuss this with [redacted] This knowledge was conveyed to [redacted] who still wasn't sure that we shouldn't make some appeal to the Nat. Committee.

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[redacted] thought that some of them should meet with [redacted] and see what the Nat. Com. had in mind.

[redacted] said he didn't think we should go ahead and make any plans that might come in conflict with the Nat. Committee plans. That we should try to see [redacted] and find out what plans were made for a convention.

[redacted] said she understood that Phil Bart was setting up plans for a convention in N.E. to take place before the Nat. Committee convenes in December.

[redacted] said Bart had asked [redacted] the [redacted] but she had to refuse him because [redacted] for a fellow who was running for State Rep. on the Democrat Ticket.

[redacted] said he thought that was wrong. Why didn't he (Bart) meet with [redacted]. She was a [redacted] in the area. [redacted] said she thought that his intention was because [redacted] and not any slight to [redacted] or anyone else. She had the impression that he wanted to include others [redacted]

[redacted] finally told [redacted] he'd convinced him that [redacted] couldn't argue with [redacted]. But [redacted] thought [redacted] should see [redacted] and see if [redacted] and [redacted] could meet with [redacted].

"Previously, [redacted] had thought [redacted] should be included in any meeting we had with [redacted] or anyone else and [redacted] saying since we didn't know what the Nat. Com. had in mind and we wanted to save these people if possible. That we couldn't discuss freely how to keep them united with the party if they were present.

[redacted] was afraid they would call us factional if we met in a group without them. But [redacted] finally convinced him we should meet first with [redacted] at least in order to get a better picture of things."

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All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, BOSTON (100-7908)
FROM: SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: CP, USA, DISTRICT #1
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12/16/60

| Date received | Received from (name or symbol number) | Received by |
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Brief description of activity or material

District Committee meeting of CP, USA, District #1, held [redacted] Mass.

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Remarks:

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Informant's report dated 11/16/60 follows:

3 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-84994) [redacted]
(1 - 100-80641) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)

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ELSIE PIPER (100-[redacted] (100-16341)
MIKE RUSSO (100-16160)
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DR. WILLARD UPHAUS (100-26335)
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"Nov. 16, 1960

"On Sunday Nov. 13, 1960 - BEN DAVIS was the main speaker at a forum at the Morton Plaza Hall in Dorchester - the meeting started at 11:00 a.m. and finished at about 1:00 p.m. [redacted] attended the forum and he said that [redacted] - and most of comrades who usually attend these affairs were present. [redacted] said that there were more than 100 present at the forum.

[redacted] met [redacted] at the Morton Plaza Hall in Dorchester at about 1:15 p.m. - a District Committee meeting was scheduled to take place after the forum at [redacted] in [redacted] the meeting was scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

"The District Committee meeting was called to order at about 2:40 p.m., by [redacted]

"The following comrades were present at this meeting - [redacted] - PHIL BART - & [redacted]

"Agenda - Question of Special District Convention Finances
Question of Severence pay for [redacted]

"Before the meeting got under way, [redacted] asked for the floor and he said that he had with him the minutes of the last New England convention - [redacted] read the minutes and it showed that [redacted], was not elected to the District Committee - and also that Fall River would be allowed 2 members to the D.C., but that Fall River be allowed just one vote either [redacted] said he did not protest [redacted] vote at the last D.C. meeting because [redacted] said he did not see [redacted] vote - but [redacted] said that he was protesting [redacted] vote at the last D.C. meeting and demanded that the records show that the vote

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"was [redacted] to release [redacted] from [redacted] at the last D.C. meeting - [redacted] also demanded that the National Secretariate notify all districts to that effect in as much as all districts were previously notified that the vote to oust [redacted] from leadership was [redacted]

[redacted] - assured [redacted] and the D.C. that all districts would be notified of the correct vote.

"PHIL BART - spoke from prepared notes - BART attacked [redacted] thru out his talk - BART said the National Executive Committee of CP - adopted a political line and that it must be followed together with other organized movements for peace coexistence - BART said that STEVENSON did lead an organized group for peace - BART said that [redacted] is not only atempting to organize a group with in the party to oppose the National policy, but BART said, [redacted] the [redacted] for the Trotskyites in a letter to the National Guardian praised [redacted] saying that at last a member of the Communist Party has left his party line and is actually with the working man. b7D

"PHIL BART - in his talk often said that [redacted] was a bad influence in the party.

"BART praised the Dorchester Club, for questioning [redacted] - and BART said the club was with in their rights in not following [redacted] policy. BART said that [redacted] to start legal proceedings against [redacted] to [redacted] to [redacted] (BART viciously attacked [redacted] on this question.) BART said that the National Executive Committee of CP had [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] in the New England District Committee, BART said that a letter to that effect had been sent to all clubs in the Boston area. BART said that [redacted] should work for the interest of the party and not for himself.

"(Note - During PHIL BART's talk - [redacted] constantly [redacted] at BART. It was necessary to [redacted] by [redacted] several times. -

"PHIL BART recommended a special district convention by Dec. 4th also to appoint a committee to arrange for the convention and that new delegates elect a new District Committee. BART made it clear that - [redacted] to the D.C.

[redacted] said that Administration Board sent the letter to the attorney and that [redacted] merely signed it [redacted]

[redacted] at this point said that the Adm. Board would make all necessary arrangements for the convention.

[redacted] said the District Committee was the governing body and should put out - [redacted] said these comrades were obstructionists and should be relieved from [redacted] CP.

[redacted] said the Adm. Board is not functioning because of bad leadership. b7D

[redacted] said the Board is not functioning because [redacted] resigned previously - and that he was alone on one side and did not care to sit in with the present board.

[redacted] said the Board still has 3 members and can function legally with a forum.

[redacted] said - Yes 3 members all bad for the party - and at this point [redacted] proposed a motion - it was seconded by [redacted] to abolish the Adm. Board and appoint a committee to arrange for the special convention - after a lengthy debate on the legality of the motion - the motion carried 7 to 5 - [redacted] voted for the motion - [redacted] voted against the motion - [redacted] challenged the chair that it requires a two third majority to dismiss the Board -

[redacted] said a majority was all that was necessary to abolish the Board.

[redacted] said the CP must defeat uvissionism with in the party - [redacted] and KENNEDY & TALMADYER were responsible for the arrest of KING in the South [redacted] attacked BART in being explicit in his charges - said PHIL BART did not make one single quote against him, but said many unquotes.

[redacted] said that for 2 years since he [redacted] of the party - he was never told how much was in the party's treasury - [redacted] said [redacted] has repeatedly refused to [redacted] to [redacted] [redacted] said he was not directly notified of [redacted] by the Secretariate - [redacted] admitted he saw the letter later - [redacted] said that if [redacted] was given [redacted] [redacted] when he left as a [redacted] surely he [redacted] was entitled to the same consideration of [redacted] due him - [redacted] said that there was a question of unemployment Social Security with payments due totalling to $150.00. b7D

[redacted] said that because of bills that had to be paid - and [redacted] refused to give a [redacted] of the [redacted] [redacted] - the Adm. Board asked [redacted] to [redacted] to start legal proceedings against any to turn over the [redacted] [redacted] to [redacted] said [redacted] was a friend of the party.

"Note - During [redacted] talk explaining why he went to [redacted] - he was constantly being [redacted] -

[redacted] - attacked [redacted] on this effort to organize opposition in various clubs of the National Party Line - [redacted] said [redacted] letter to the Nat. Guardian praising [redacted] was very bad for the party - [redacted] pointed to [redacted] and said - you must get rid of these people - they are obstructionists and don't belong in your [redacted] [redacted] recommended political action in regrouping the CP forces to make best of KENNEDY's election - to fight for more housing - for better working conditions - for democratic centralization - to organize a strong vanguard

"who within the labor ranks for the party - to elect delegates to the special N.E. Convention who will follow the Nat. Party lines.

[redacted] - accused [redacted] of being [redacted] said that at one time he disagreed with [redacted] threatened [redacted] that if [redacted] wasn't an old man he would punch him. [redacted] said let [redacted] show us what he accomplished while he was [redacted] - said [redacted] did not sign up one single negro not even a new party member - [redacted] said thatthe N.E.C.P. spent money for nothing in paying [redacted] also attacked [redacted]

[redacted] - said that the North Shore Club voted to recommend to the D.C. to give [redacted] said the vote was [redacted] not voting and [redacted]

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[redacted] said [redacted] had a family and needed the money to live.

[redacted] at this point said that he hadn't been [redacted] Oct. 21st - when he only received $50.00 from [redacted]

"PHIL BART at this point said that financial conditions were had every where within the party - BART said there are 12 full time. Functionaries operating out of New York Nat. office and that 7 haven't been paid in 7 weeks - BART turned to [redacted] and said that if [redacted] was a real party member he would sacrifice & say nothing -

[redacted] said that he had worked [redacted] for nothing.

[redacted] turned to [redacted] and said that she also worked [redacted] for nothing and told [redacted] not to make himself a hero.

[redacted] - jumped up and said - What's the matter - is the N.E.C.P. a [redacted] party - is there no one else but [redacted] here - [redacted] said that the [redacted] and the [redacted] had unled the N.E. C.P. long enough.

[redacted] accused [redacted] of talking thru 2 sides of his mouth - [redacted] said that in her presence [redacted] condemned [redacted] for dmminating the N.E.C.P. - [redacted] said that now [redacted] was all out for [redacted] - [redacted] said that as for her she was too honest to understand how [redacted] and a few others stand.

[redacted] at this point said to [redacted] according to what you just said you are the only honest person here - then the rest of us must be crooked -

[redacted] said she did not mean it that way.

[redacted] said that [redacted] lied when they said that she never gave [redacted] at the D.C. meetings - [redacted] produced records when she did give [redacted] on the [redacted] said she opposedpaying [redacted] any [redacted] or go along with the Nat. Executive Committee's recommendations of paying [redacted] up until the New England District CP Special convention is called [redacted] said the N.C. made that recommendation on the same letter that ordered [redacted] said that she is against paying [redacted] because 1st [redacted] has not bothered to look for a job - Secondly [redacted] said that why should the party pay [redacted] when he will use that time to go to various clubs organizing opposition to the National Party Line - [redacted] at this point accused [redacted] of collecting money since he was suspended - [redacted] said that when [redacted] was first put on full time - [redacted] borrowed [redacted] from the party to [redacted] later [redacted] borrowed [redacted] more to get himself & his family situated [redacted] said [redacted] paid back about [redacted] - [redacted] said that she would go along with the N.C. recommendation of paying [redacted] until the Special Convention - provided that [redacted] he [redacted] the party. [redacted] said she also opposed paying HOMER vacation pay because - [redacted] took [redacted] for more than 2 weeks when [redacted] was in the hospital [redacted] [redacted] further said the party [redacted] and a short time later bought him [redacted] the one he is using now.

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[redacted] said he felt he owed the party nothing in as much as he used the money to buy his first car and had other party expenses.

[redacted] said he would oppose any kind of [redacted] - but would agree to accept the recommendation of the N.C. to [redacted] up until the time of the convention.

"At this point a motion was made & seconded to [redacted] as recommended by the Nat. Ex. C. of CP -

"The motion carried - [redacted] did not vote

[redacted] constantly exchanged words with [redacted] and at one time it almost became very serious - [redacted] threatened [redacted] to sit down or else.

"A motion was made & seconded to nominate & elect a [redacted] to arrange for the Special N.E. D. Convention.

"Those nominated were - [redacted] - Secret ballot was held -

[redacted] or more votes -

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[redacted] each [redacted] it was agreed to allow both to serve on the committee - to make it a [redacted] on the [redacted]

[redacted] at this point said that the Adm. Board was still in force and should legally handle the convention - [redacted] agreed with him.

[redacted] said that she understood that it was agreed that the Adm. Board was dissolved.

[redacted] said they did not agree with the decision of the D.C., because the D.C. did not have a two third majority to discuss the board.

[redacted] said - I voted for [redacted] Because I respect her and thought she accepted the decision of the D.C. on a majority vote to dismiss the Board - [redacted] said she was sorry she voted for [redacted]

[redacted] said she voted for [redacted] for the same reason and that she was sorry she voted for them.

[redacted] was on his feet and demanded that the D.C. throw [redacted] out of the committee - [redacted] said the D.C. would be within their rights to do so - [redacted] said that unless [redacted] accept the decision of the D.C. on dismissing of the Board [redacted] recommended the D.C. to elect a new convention committee.

[redacted] at this point accused [redacted] of being a weak [redacted] and he challenged [redacted] to rule on the decision of a majority rule to dismiss the Board.

[redacted] ruled on a majority rule - at this point - [redacted] went into a huddle and accepted the chair's ruling.

"The D.C. allowed [redacted] & [redacted] to remain on the [redacted]

"It was unanimously voted to hold the Special N.E. District Convention on Sunday Dec. 11, 1960.

"It was unanimously voted to allow each club with less than 5 comrades 2 delegates to the convention - and clubs with 10 comrades allowed 3 delegates - and 1 delegate for every 5 comrades thereafter. b7D

"The purpose of the Special New England District convention is to elect a new District Committee. The new District Committee will elect a new Administrative Board - the District Committee will also elect a New England District Chairman - a new Exexutive Secretary - a new Finance committee and a new treasurer.

[redacted] reported that after [redacted] there will be less than $900.00 left in the [redacted] [redacted] said that altho she has access to the [redacted] at any time, she is the only one [redacted]

[redacted] read a long telegram from the Worker stating that the financial condition of the Worker was not only serious but desperate - The telegram stated that the Worker must receive at least $24,000 by January if it hopes to survive - and it may be necessary to curtail news coverage even with that amount.

"The N.E.D.C. was asked to make every sacrifice to raise $750.00 even if necessary for party members to obtain loans - to reach this quota -

[redacted] collected $230.00 at this meeting which included money received from other clubs & personal donations.

[redacted] gave the money to [redacted] to forward it to the Worker -"

A copy of Newsletter, New England Communist Party, undated, signed "District Board, New England Communist Party, [redacted] and a copy of a three page mimeograph letter dated October, 1960 to "Members of the New England District" signed "National Secretariat, CP, USA" are being retained in the 1-A section of Boston File 100-7908. b7D

All necessary action has been taken in regard to this matter.

# Some new aspects of Party organization

The National Executive Committee, at its meeting Thursday, September 29th, heard a report by Phil Bart dealing with some new aspects of Party organization.

The report considered some problems concerning Party organization, especially as it affects the closer relationship between the club and the higher committees of the Party. It indicated that the Resolution on Organization adopted by the 17th National Convention called for an approach which will help "liberate (the club) from the mass of administrative detail now bogging it down."

The Party still has a large apparatus which has remained pretty much unchanged, although our membership is smaller. There is unnecessary duplication of committees, departments, commissions on many levels. These numerous bodies serve primarily the inner committees of the organization rather than being of service to the club. Our Party must be so organized that it can have the closest ties between the national and state bodies and the clubs.

The club must know the deliberations and conclusions of the higher bodies and they in turn must know the thinking and experiences of the club. In the final analysis, the line of the Party is tested by the club. It is applied concretely through daily contact with workers in the shop and community. This free flow of ideas and experiences from top to bottom and bottom to top is what gives our Party its strength, its ability to learn from experience, correct mistakes and advance and improve its work.

The 17th Convention Organization Resolution directed its attention to this problem, stating "It is important also to foster initiative from below. The action of the Michigan Party, (in) setting up

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area councils consisting of club leaders and state committee members, is a commendable effort in this direction."

The report further dealt with problems of the shop clubs and stressed the need of greater attention to this question by the leading committees of the Party.

It dealt also with the industrial club. This has been discussed in many districts during the past period. It considered the advisability of discontinuing this form of organization in some areas of work and proposed that a large part of our membership in industrial clubs should be assigned to community clubs, with special emphasis on workingclass communities.

There are many reasons for the elimination of the industrial form. Many changes in relation to the labor movement are taking place in the community. It is recognizing that the community is essential for developing political activity. To cite an example, the New York State Federation of Labor took note of this fact at its recent convention. It recognized that union activities must be extended into the areas where workers live. Therefore, labor political organizations are being considered in wards, precincts and election districts. This can serve in stimulating and developing labor's political life in the community and as a basis for independent actions as well as third-party movements.

In relation to these problems, the National Executive Committee adopted the following motions as guide to our Party organization:

1. To take all measures to assure that the club becomes the center of political activity. To examine the present utilization of its forces with the object of releasing many of them from their present assignments and placing them at the disposal of the clubs.

2. To direct the education of Party forces with the aim of strengthening club leadership.

3. To consider such changes as will help eliminate intermediate forms of organization which stand as an obstacle between the club and the higher committees of the Party. To create forms which will make it possible for direct meetings of club leadership, in a city, or sub-division of a city, with the leadership of districts or the national center, *on a regular basis.* This may take the form of city central, congressional, county or other bodies. But in all instances these bodies would be composed of representatives from clubs.

4. We urge an examination of the industrial clubs by each district or state organization which will lead to the elimination of a section of this form of organization; such changes to take place only after a thorough discussion with all comrades involved. These comrades should then be assigned to strengthen and participate in workingclass community clubs.

5. The shop club must again take its rightful place as vital to a Marxist-Leninist party. It should be given regular and consistent attention by the district leadership. The release of forces from industrial clubs should make it possible to assign some comrades to help shop clubs.

6. We propose, for the present, to maintain youth clubs. In the absence of a Marxist youth organization and the neglect of this field by our Party, the youth clubs remain as a vital force in initiating and developing many youth activities. These clubs should receive attention by our organization. We also propose, where nationality group branches now exist, that they be maintained.

The leading committees of the Party have been asked to take up these motions and devise the means to put them into effect.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) DATE: JAN. 4 1961

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

NY 694-S* advised on 11/2/60, that the National and New York State Offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly, Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

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| 11/29/60 | X | X | WILLIAM J. BARRON |
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 1/3/61

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 12/17/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 12/17/60, CONNIE (BART) contacted HY (LUMER) at AD 4-6917. (CONNIE complained to the operator that this is the 3rd time today that she was cut off from a number after she started to talk on a call). CONNIE also complained about it to HY, telling him there must be something wrong with her phone.

CONNIE then invited HY and EDITH (LUMER) over next Friday evening, the 23rd. CONNIE explained that she has asked a number of people over to initiate the holiday season. HY told CONNIE that EDITH hasn't been well for the last couple of weeks and wouldn't want to make the trip if she is not feeling better, but HY indicated that he thinks EDITH will be feeling well enough to come. HY said that CONNIE can count on them coming and that if anything comes up, he will let CONNIE know. CONNIE said PHIL can check it with HY.

PHIL (BART) then spoke to HY, telling HY that there is something for tomorrow that he forgot. PHIL explained that he will be in very late as he has to go in to Philly on "that thing," which HY knows. PHIL said the people asked him

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to come in and that it is one of those things one can't refuse as PHIL stated "he's one of our leading guys for years." PHIL then told HY that when he discussed with "GUS" yesterday they talked about PHIL just giving the information on BITTLEMAN and New England and that since he, PHIL, will be coming in late, he suggested that if it arises, HY can take it up. PHIL stated HY knows the information as well as PHIL does as PHIL said he has no particular report on it. HY agreed that if necessary he can do it. PHIL explained that GUS' idea was to say a few words on it before "the guys" leave.

PHIL then told HY that he expects to be back by 3:00 tomorrow as he is not going to go to the cemetery. PHIL also told HY about his call to "DANNY." In answer to query, PHIL told HY that the invitation for Friday is for after dinner.

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

PEGGY DENNIS
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 12/17/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 12/17/60, (PHIL BART) contacted PEGGY (DENNIS). PHIL found out from PEGGY in some detail about GENE's (GENE DENNIS) latest stay in the hospital. PEGGY said GENE will probably stay in the hospital till about Wednesday or Thursday. PEGGY mentioned that young GENE is home. PEGGY told PHIL about the chemo-therapy GENE is undergoing and the limited expectation for relief that they hope to have from it.

PEGGY asked PHIL how the week end is in general. PHIL replied that it is okay, very good and that everything is going along very nicely. PHIL indicated "ELIZABETH" didn't make it because she has a cold. PHIL said that "we discussed that statement" and that the spirit was good and that there was general agreement on questions.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3234)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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(OO: New York)

NY 2359-S* advised 1/3/61, that PHIL BART stated he would be in Boston the week end of 1/7-8/61 to "help set up and elect officers." This probably refers to the reorganization of the New England District as a result of the ouster of HOWER BATES CHASE from leadership.

Boston will cover BART'S activities through established sources.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (100- ) DATE: 12/28/61

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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Care must be used in reporting the following information since by its very nature it tends to identify a sensitive and highly placed informant.

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(1-100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
(1-100-8482) (TOM DENNIS)
2-Indianapolis (INFO) (RM)
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There follows a summary of a three day meeting of the National Executive Committee (NEC), CPUSA and invited guests held in CP headquarters, NYC, 12/16-18/60, as reported by NY 2362-S* and NY 2359-S*, respectively.

The first day's session was reported by NY 2362-S* and the second and third day's sessions by NY 2359-S*.

The Bureau was furnished daily teletype summaries followed by a letterhead memorandum.

Among those in attendance were the following:

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| GEORGE MEYERS | BEN DOBBS |
| JAMES WEST | THOMAS NABRIED |
| CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT | HERBERT KRANSDORF |
| ANTON KRCHMAREK | GUS HALL |
| CARL WINTER | ELIZABETH G. FLYNN-12/18/60 only |
| TOM DENNIS | BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR. |
| EMANUEL BLUM | LOUIS WEINSTOCK |
| HY LUMER | IRVING POTASH |
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| JACK STACHEL | CLARENCE HATHAWAY |
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1-NY 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY (414)

First Day's Session
12/16/60

GUS HALL opened the meeting by commenting that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was unable to attend the meeting today because of illness, but is expected to be in attendance either 12/17 or 18/60. He said the order of business would be as follows:

1. Discussion on the Manifesto of the World Conference of Communist Parties.

2. Elections and opening of Congress and the tasks ahead.

3. A report on the decisions of the Trade Union Conference.

4. Time permitting, an informational report on the ALEXANDER BITTELMAN case, developments in the New England and the NY Districts.

JACK STACHEL mentioned that EUGENE DENNIS was presently in the hospital under severe pain and would appreciate messages from those in attendance.

GUS HALL then commented at length regarding the Communist Manifesto. He said it was a basic document and requires study and at the coming NC meeting, the Party would be able to draw some conclusions as dictated by NC members. He said the Manifesto would be published in its entirety in the January issue of "Political Affairs." HALL commented that in discussing the Manifesto, the Party should bear in mind the tasks of the conference. He listed these tasks as follows:

1. To preserve the unity of the World Communist Movement, adding that this was a major and possibly the greatest task.

2. To preserve the basic principles of Marxism - Leninism, as well as its application.

3. The task of drawing some further theoretical conclusions from experiences, especially those experiences of the last three years.

4. To raise the standards and the ties between Communist Parties in order to meet the new challenge and the new situation in the world.

HALL said that in his opinion, the conference accompolished all 4 tasks. He said that whether all--- Parties will "hue to the line and policy" adopted by the conference remains to be seen, but feels that all Parties will adopt it. HALL said that the conference took place at a time when there was the most serious threat to the World Communist Movement, but the conference reflected firmness on principle, but with flexibility as regards to secondary questions. HALL said that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN told him that she was impressed with the maturity and objectivity of the Soviets at the conference. HALL said that he could say, without any hesitation, that there will be no split in the World Marxist Movement. He said the Manifesto breathes confidence and speaks with authority and described it as an historical Manifesto and there was nothing in it which would indicate any need for a basic shift in the policy of the CPUSA. HALL said he did not know if every Party in the world could say the same thing, but "we" only have to speak for ourselves. He said "we" should avoid "getting stuck" on secondary questions, words, formulations and abstractions as the basic question is what should be kept in mind. The Manifesto gives clear decisive, correct analysis and direction and "we" have to see the "double feature" which the Manifesto points out. HALL said, you have the general crisis of capitalism on the one hand and a new stage in the building of socialism on the other and this contrast will continue to grow at tremendous speed.

The Manifesto goes into lengthy detail concerning unity in the Socialist camp and this gives evidence as to how serious this question was. Weaknesses have been shown in the Polish, Hungarian and Chinese Parties, but the Socialist influence is decisive in world affairs. If the Socialist world does not have cohesion, it cannot fulfill its historic responsibility, adding that in the past year in the struggle for peace, Communists have suffered some unnecessary defeats because of a lack of full unity. The Manifesto places as a fact that the peoples of all countries know that a danger of a new world war exists and imperialism is the main force of aggression and war. The total world socialist camp makes war not inevitable and peace is an ally of socialism. Socialism can advance only through the struggle for peace and it is necessary to deepen our understanding of peace. HALL said that war could be ruled out even though there is capitalism in the U.S. and the struggle must be continued with that outlook and the struggle for coexistence has nothing to do with lessening the class struggle.

Communist Parties must be flexible in their relations with new independent nations. A determined fight must be made against the remaining forces of imperialism by a single National Democratic front consisting of all patriotic forces. Complete independence of these nations can only be accomplished by a consolidation of political independence, agrarian reforms, elimination of remaining feudalism, uprooting of imperialist economic domination, expulsion of foreign monopolies, development of National industries, improvement of living standards and cooperation with socialist and other friendly countries. The Manifesto sets forth the role of the working class, the peasant and the bourgeoise very sharply. The Manifesto sets forth the responsibility of the working class and Communist Parties of the capitalist countries in support of these independent nations.

CPUSA observers (in the Soviet Union) including ELIZABETH (FLYNN) and others, made some outstanding contributions which can be seen here (in the Manifesto). The Manifesto points out that the working class and its vanguard, the Marxist-Leninist Party, seek to achieve the Socialist revolution by peaceful means. This will be possible only by the broad and ceaseless development of the class struggle of the workers against big monopoly capital. With respect to section on struggle against anti-Communism as an ideological weapon, we need more work on this. Some Parties do a good job on this, but we do not.

The Manifesto says the World Communist Movement has become the most influential political force of our time, whatever is lacking, this should give it to us "that we are wanted" (followed by laughter). Regarding raising standards of Party leadership, Manifesto says "they (the leadership) must cherish Party unity like the apple of their eye." I'm afraid many of us do not cherish our Party unity that way.

The Manifesto states "the interests of the Communist Movement requires solidarity and adherence of every Communist Party to the estimate and conclusions concerning the common task in the struggle against imperialism for peace, democracy and socialism jointly reached by the fraternal Parties at their meeting...It is the supreme internationalist duty of every Marxist-Leninist Party to work continuously for greater unity in the world Communist Movement." This is a new element in ties between Parties. There had been a problem that there was no tie or bond of responsibility of any kind, of accepting or following agreed upon resolutions. These are ideological and political responsibilities that every Party must accept. I welcome it very much.

JACK STACHEL said HALL had done a pretty good job considering he had so little time to prepare. Said he had read the document only once and thinks the really new and creative thinking developed after the death of STALIN and the 20th Congress was the real point of departure on new thinking theoretically re the new concept of coexistence. Today coexistence is considered as a period where the whole victory of world socialism is possible through peaceful competition and the class struggle without war. Capitalism is growing constantly weaker and this is happening without war. All these happenings are of tremendous importance in our outlook and practical work. If we show what the decay of capitalism means to the American people, that is also important. We must be able to single out and identify ourselves with everything that is good and progressive in America. We should show what this decay means in the life of the people here.

MANNY BLUM said American workers must be convinced of the cause of the cold war, whereas the workers of Asia and Latin America do not have to be convinced that they are suffering from the policies of American imperialism. As long as a good section of the working people share in the super-profits of imperialism, it is difficult to develop a mass, militant anti-imperialist movement. The Manifesto spells out and shows that it is American imperialism that is setting the fires to the world hotbeds of war. The Party must determine how it can get a real base in the key shops and main industrial areas if it is going to help the working class understand the policies that have been projected here.

CARL WINTER said the Manifesto will require considerable discussion and study and should be regarded as a living document for the Party for a long time. BEN DAVIS spoke favorably of GUS HALL's report and said the Manifesto highlights the unity of the International Marxist Movement.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK said the Manifesto must be given wide publicity and attempts should be made to have it read over TV and radio. It must be made the property of the American people. HY LUMER said attempts are being made to have the Manifesto printed in pamphlet form, and agreed with previous speakers that it requires study, examination and detailed discussion.

HERB KRANSDORF from Pittsburgh said the Manifesto develops the question of anti-monopoly coalition and this is the major strategic concept the CPUSA should develop. CPUSA should push a crusade against the monopolistic spending of money on arms and defense. The CPUSA should not minimize basic industry concentration policy.

TOM DENNIS said the Party has a tremendous job ahead to assimilate the Manifesto and apply it to America. ARNOLD JOHNSON said the Manifesto is fundamental to the work of the CPUSA and the work of all Communists.

Second Day's Session - 12/17/60

PHIL BART was elected chairman of the session.

NY 2318-S* has reported ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN remained at home this date because of a cold but expected to attend session on 12/18/60. FLYNN told GUS HALL that her complete remarks will be more important to meeting of full National Committee.

CARL WINTER was first speaker of session and observed that manifesto of world conference of Communist Parties is extraordinary document and can be called Communist Manifesto of contemporary period. It has spelled out tasks, out look and perspectives for the working class as well as various forms of struggles taking place. It brings up-to-date Marxist-Leninist theory in its application to present period. American capitalism is entrapped but with some elbow room which is getting smaller. As a result, American imperialism takes on aspects of desperation. In the next 25 years all industry in the USSR is to be automated which creates a new situation in approach to Communism and as a result competition between US and USSR will be "devastating." Economic situation in US will create great struggle and will become part of world-wide movement of people against imperialism.

WINTER said CPUSA should look more deeply into these aspects in US and with new situation shaping up, the economic struggle of American working class would take on new character, militancy and aspects that have not been seen for a long time. CPUSA must learn how to relate struggles in America to struggle of other peoples of world. The enemy is common and "we" must find ways to make it clear to American people and the working class.

IRVING POTASH said he agreed with GUS HALL's estimate of manifesto and said he had been asked if manifesto does not signify revival of Communist international. POTASH said it is his belief it says no and means no. He said there are many statements in it which

would not be understood, either by Party or non-Party people not familiar with historic background of such statements and conditions. He said any statement by CPUSA must be carefully annotated to guide those who want to study it and remarked such statement should be widely circulated.

GEORGE MEYERS described HALL's report on manifesto as a "profound document."

BEN DOBBS discussed the CP's strategic aim of anti-monopoly coalition and how to deal with this on a political basis. DOBBS asked if "we" mean actually a transitional stage or do "we" just have "tongue in cheek?" He asked does the Party want to curb monopolies or do away with them, commenting that HALL's report did much to clarify this. He regarded the strengthening of forces to curb monopoly as greatest contribution in fight for peace.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT said question of anti-monopoly coalition and the strategic task of "our Party" is not necessarily main task at moment. He felt main need is to spell out concretely stages and steps toward "our" goal and to realize that "we" may have to go up or down toward realization of goal of anti-monopoly coalition. LIGHTFOOT said nothing left CP more bereft of perspective than failure of progressive party in the forties to carry though broad aims set forth. He said the CP suffers from a certain "mechanicalism" and he does not know how to overcome it. In his opinion, breaking of Dixiecrats is prerequisite to building of anti-monopoly coalition. He said way to influence Negro masses in America is to have CP demonstrate in practice it will act as shield for those masses and not try to influence them on basis of what Russians have done in the past or are doing now.

BETTY GANNETT recommended that CP, 1). issue a statement regarding manifesto; 2). issue guide for club discussion that would promote study of questions facing CP; 3). education committee should prepare a list of ideological and theoretical questions pertinent to the Party.

GUS HALL said the problem with the CP is the inability to work out ideological approach to win over American people. He believed the one unifying factor in winning over the people is anti-monoply question. HALL described the problem as not only American but applying also to colonial and newly independent countries. He said, "I hesitate to use word manifesto in connection with this resolution...a basic resolution is a more correct term for it, it's role is better described and does not take away anything from it's power and strength."

HALL recommended setting up a committee for ideological study of manifesto, as well as commissions in specific fields, such as anti-monopoly, peace and problems of the Negro people, in order that concrete recommendations can be presented to CP National Committee. He said the question of Party program will await return of JAMES ALLEN who is presently on lecture tour of socialist countries and USSR and is expected to return in about one month.

PHIL BART, as chairman, then called for vote of approval of HALL's report and for committee as suggested by HALL to bring in recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

BEN DAVIS reported on national election, saying American people do not fully realize Negro people are majority of the world and there is no sense in trying to have peace and freedom in world without treating them as equals. Job of CP is to find tactical ways of driving home this point to American people. DAVIS said his report on election would have four parts: 1). statistics; 2). conclusions; 3). . perspectives; 4). few words on Party.

With respect to statistics, DAVIS read from article in the "New York Times," 12/16/60, page 28, entitled, "Official Results of Election." He said election was setback for EISENHOWER policies, and reason for closeness of vote was due to the fact both candidates were cold war candidates and neither was satisfactory, and closeness denied mandate to KENNEDY. DAVIS said Negro people played decisive role in

election, and KENNEDY would not have been elected without them. Three things in the vote stand out: 1) Negro vote was decisive in several southern states; 2) Influence of Negro vote within working class was emphasized by participation of KENNEDY in MARTIN LUTHER KING case; 3) Influence of peace forces led by persons such as ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, ADLAI STEVENSON, and others.

DAVIS then pointed out two "interesting" developments since election, renewed activity of EISENHOWER administration and new cabinet appointments. DAVIS described ADLAI STEVENSON, G. MENNEN WILLIAMS and CHESTER BOWLES as persons with a "new direction." He described appointments of ORVILLE FREEMAN and ABRAHAM RIBICOFF and offer of appointment to WILLIAM DAWSON as good indications and these show new administration will be responsive to people's wishes. DAVIS pointed out these are only appointments, not decisive, and action of the administration/legislation and issues will be decisive in weighing its merits. He criticized appointments of DEAN RUSK, ROBERT MC NAMARA, and DOUGLAS DILLON, feeling it unfortunate that DAWSON did not accept, adding that a Negro should be in cabinet. He said THURGOOD MARSHALL would make better Attorney General than ROBERT KENNEDY.

On civil rights, DAVIS said CP must take bolder position on broad united front basis, saying effort should be made to have second emancipation proclamation. DAVIS, in discussing Congressional lineup, felt coalition of Dixiecrats and Republicans would become stronger. He said it was important to develop independent mass action in connection with unemployment situation. DAVIS said the Party should also develop ideological campaign against anti-Communism. Session adjourned for lunch at this point and resumed at 3:03 p.m.

JACK STACHEL presented analysis of election vote, commenting that vote in 1960 was close to 69 million, an increase of 6 million over 1956. He said there was a turnover

of ten million votes since last such election, and that the significant thing was not the turnout, but turnover. STACHEL said the shift back from the Republican Party was attributed to Negroes and minorities, and represented coalition of the working class, Negro people, minorities and peace forces. He said vote of Trotskyites and minority parties reached 90 thousand in twenty states, adding this did not reflect on correctness of CP policy but Party should be aware of onesidedness of their policy. CP cannot be indifferent to these groups, as included in this minority vote are many workers who in the past followed CP leadership. STACHEL urged immediate steps be taken in the fight for a new organization by the CP of left forces in order that the Party can work with them. The CP, he said, cannot allow Trotskyites and Socialist Workers Party to appropriate a field in which the CP was supreme in the past.

CARL WINTER said the most important thing the CP can do is to emphasize correctness of its election statement. He said, however, the Party did not fight enough for that statement and, as a result, CP members were confused as to what it said and meant and whether it was line of CP. He said CP can make no greater contribution to clarity than to emphasize that election result confirmed correctness, without reservation, of the election statement which was issued by its National Executive Committee. WINTER said Socialist Party made it policy not to run ticket of its own and he regards that Party as much more significant political force on left in electoral field than Socialist Workers Party, Socialist Labor Party, or others. He urged the CP examine Socialist Party's election platform, which in some respects was model, and its political resolution, wherein the call for political realignment is close to fundamental position of the CP. WINTER called for energetic support of Senators CLARK of Pennsylvania, DOUGLAS of Illinois, and CASE of New Jersey, in connection with CLARK's fight against retreat of Senator HUMPHREY who wants to make a deal with Dixiecrats.

ANTON KRCHMAREK said Ohio CP had distributed ten thousand pieces of literature on various election issues and helped sway labor vote.

GEORGE MEYERS perceived excellent opportunity for the CP to exert pressure on KENNEDY to put pressure on Dixiecrats who had opposed him.

EMANUEL BLUM said election results in Indiana demonstrated labor's effect on the election.

CLARENCE HATHAWAY opined KENNEDY had received mandate from Negro people and working class. He spoke of the need for new political party and saidit will come about in stages, emerging from united front activities and struggles on various levels. The CP has to stress the need to build left and progressive forces, without which the CP cannot reach the masses.

HY LUMER said the result of the election means a shift from U-2 policy, that people who voted for Trotskyites did not know what that grouping stands for, and it is duty of the CP to talk to such voters and ascertain the reasons for such voting.

TOM NABRIED reported that in Philadelphia, MARTIN LUTHER KING had a large influence with the Negro vote for KENNEDY there. NABRIED said the balance between the Republicans and Democrats is so close the Democrats will fall back before legislative pressure groups which will conflict with the Negro people's needs and this will mean development of different forms of mass action. He said much will depend on the role and leadership shown by the CP.

GUS HALL said it is wrong political conclusion that the CP could have run candidates under any conditions, that the political atmosphere in America is such that where petitions are required for nomination, one will not get Communist candidates on the ballot. He added that even if they could place candidates, they should not, because those who sign petitions become victims of oppression. ARNOLD JOHNSON said the American people must have realized there was a great difference between candidates and this was reflected in the huge vote. The CP should emphasize three issues, these being ending of racial discrimination, unemployment, and the threat of suicidal war.

Third Day's Session - 12/18/60

ANTON KRCHMAREK was elected chairman.

BENJAMIN DAVIS gave report on Political Action and Electoral Policies of the CPUSA. DAVIS said some of formulations in original electoral policy statement were clumsy but did not affect basic line of the CP. The CP did help to clarify issues but during each election the confusion gets greater because the gap is narrowing between the two major political parties. The U-2 incident was a serious set-back to the Republican administration as millions of responsible people who support the cold war were appalled and embarrassed by it. Only the good sense and responsibility shown by KHRUSHCHEV and Russia prevented a war.

DAVIS commented favorably on President-Elect KENNEDY's cabinet, noting it contains liberals. DAVIS said KENNEDY is stupid and immature to have appointed his brother to the cabinet. DAVIS asked rhetorically, "What is he doing trying to make a clan out of the G.D. government?"

DAVIS stated the CP will have an opportunity to run a strong candidate in Harlem in 1962, as ADAM CLAYTON POWELL has said he will not seek re-election. DAVIS suggested that if he were working full time in Harlem he would be in favor of running for Congress in 1962 with the help of well-known liberals. His report was unanimously approved and he and ARNOLD JOHNSON were selected as a committee to develop a program toward the possibility of having Negroes elected to Congress.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN then arrived at the meeting and was introduced by GUS HALL. FLYNN said she was not going to give a lengthy report on the November 7th conference in Moscow because she felt it should first be taken up with the Secretariat. She said that whatever tributes were given to her while abroad were not given to her as an individual but rather because she is Vice-Chairman of the CPUSA. She

stated, "Believe it or not the CPUSA has a prestige which is almost incredible in the Socialist countries." Everywhere she went she felt the respect and regard for the CPUSA and this was very gratifying. She mentioned attending a reception in the Kremlin for all CP Secretaries attending the November Conference, and said that at this reception after toasting the Chinese, KHRUSHCHEV toasted FLYNN. KHRUSHCHEV spoke for fifteen minutes on the CPUSA and its problems which must be contended with and is typical of American imperialism.

FLYNN then gave the following resume of the November 7th Conference in Moscow. There were 22 parties from Latin-America in attendance. Following the regular conference they held their own conference and had a very fruitful discussion. At the main conference of all parties there was a sharp debate on whether or not the Soviet Union should be designated as the "head of the Socialist camp and head of the International movement." China favored this but the Soviet Union opposed this. She said, "You would think China would oppose it and the Soviet Union be for it but it was just the reverse." It was decided to eliminate the characterization from the Manifesto. It was a solid discussion when 81 parties were present and of the 81 only one was completely out of line during the entire discussion. While it came into line at the end, nevertheless its attitude during the conference was very unfortunate. The Party in question is the Albanian Party. It wants the Soviet Union to aid it in going to war with Italy, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia. It was indignant at the Soviet Union and bitter towards the Soviet Union and KHRUSHCHEV personally. It was rebuked by everyone.

FLYNN said the big question now is whether China will abide by the declaration.FLYNN's opinion is yes. According to FLYNN, China's attitude is that they do not think it can be done (apparently peaceful coexistence) but were willing to go ahead and try. FLYNN said the "New York Times" told lies concerning the conference. She

pointed out the paper said the Latin-American and Cuban Parties were in accord with the Chinese view. Whereas the fact is they are solidly in accordance with the view of the Socialist camp. According to FLYNN, the declaration was discussed word by word and whatever was in it has to be in it. Some of the final document was the result of compromise and in some instances are improvements on the original document prepared by the Central Committee of the Soviet Union. FLYNN said to the great disappointment of the enemy there was no split at the conference. However, there were moments when there could have been but it was prevented by the patience and understanding and willingness to compromise on the part of the CP of the Soviet Union.

FLYNN remarked that without exception the CPSU is the most wonderful party in the world. She described KHRUSHCHEV as a great man who's speeches are a model of objectivity. She said, "I came away with the feeling we are a family. We belong to a great family. They accept the Parties as equals. Every Party is equal."

FLYNN noted she had met with leaders of Parties from all over the world and had the privilege of being chairman of meeting on the day KHRUSHCHEV spoke. She introduced him.

FLYNN said all the material available to her in Moscow showed CPUSA had correct line and was not waiting to get line from other Parties. Said the comments of the CPUSA are considered of great importance.

IRVING POTASH reported on the meeting of the Trade Union commission CPUSA. Said commission had recently discussed the development in the trade union movement. He said some of the special problems considered were the role of central labor councils and situations in steel, electrical and longshore industries. The objective of the CPUSA should be to get unions to organize the unemployed. The tendency of unions is to write off and get rid of unemployed. The CP should fight for the rights of the

unemployed to continue attending and voting at union meetings. The fight for the demands of the unemployed should be directed at federal and state governments through marches, mass demonstrations and mass lobbies.

HYMAN LUMER as spokesman for the subcommittee concerned with economic program as pertains to the trade union field said committee proposes among other things the following: reduction of income tax of small income group; increase of government outlays for public works; extension of minimum wage benefits to all agricultural workers; increase of social security payments; adequate federal aid to education.

BEN DAVIS then reported on the New England District factional situation. He said HOMER BATES CHASE rejected CPUSA line on election by saying CPUSA should boycott both presidential candidates. CHASE also violated party policy in other ways, therefore, it was found necessary to suspend him from position of District Organizer. At a special convention at which a new district committee was elected, CHASE was defeated as were his followers, a minority of five members of the State Committee. No one yet has been chosen to replace CHASE although consideration is being given to bringing in someone from outside the district.

Chairman KRCHMAREK called for a vote on a proposal to be submitted to National Committee to remove CHASE from CP membership. It was unamimously approved.

HYMAN LUMER reported on the expulsion of ALEXANDER BITTELMAN. He stated the reason for expulsion was not solely the writing of an anti-Party book but also because of presistent violation of CP discipline.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT spoke for the National Negro Commission. He said a conference on Negro work should be organized in every district between February 1 and March

15, 1961. LOUIS WEINSTOCK called for greater response from the various districts for the WILLIAM Z. FOSTER birthday celebration. Meeting adjourned 3:32 p.m.

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[redacted] there was a meeting of a [redacted] of the [redacted] held at the home of [redacted] Those attending were as follows: [redacted]

"Agenda for the evening was:

Report on [redacted]

[redacted] gave a report on [redacted] - saying she didn't really know just what was happening. There seemed to be a movement underway to eliminate anyone from the left from the organization. She thought Norman Cousins from Com. was cooperating with some committee in Washington who was looking into the org. She had been at one meeting & four of the people on the executive com. of Boston Sane Nuclear Comm. had resigned.

"She wasn't sure just what was going on. She did think the Boston Group had been in an awful hurry to get a charter from Nat. Sane. Especially since they had functioned so long without one. That meant a handful of people on top could set policy. [redacted] wondered if we should continue to support it.

"There was some discussion about the fact that Disarmament & Peace were still the important issues and that we should continue to go to [redacted] meetings and support the movement for Peace.

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[redacted] gave a report on the [redacted] saying there had been [redacted] in attendance. There were two people present from the Nat. Committee. I believe [redacted] & Phil Bart.

[redacted] was taken up in discussing the Convention (Dec. 11) and leadership.

"There was a resolution passed to elect a new board to function until the convention and also to act as an arrangements comm. for the convention. [redacted]

[redacted] were nominated. They were to vote [redacted]. [redacted] said [redacted] from [redacted] received [redacted] each. [redacted] & [redacted] each & [redacted] each received [redacted]. [redacted] said rather then vote again she suggested that since [redacted] were tyed they have [redacted] on the board presently.

[redacted] asked [redacted] & the others [redacted] if this was acceptable to them and they said no.

"Then a motion was made that they wipe out this board and nominate & elect another board.

[redacted] said she had acted in good faith & had [redacted] But she had to report that four of the ballots [redacted] only voted for the [redacted] in the [redacted] and if they were going to act this way then that was the way she'd act and she wouldn't vote for any of them. Well at this time they held a caucus and after saying they wouldn't accept the new board agreed to accept it. Because they knew they'd loose out if elections were held again and it was quite obvious that they didn't want to loose their power. [redacted] said if they wanted to fight like this then that was the way she'd fight too. And she wouldn't [redacted] and she wouldn't vote for anyone of them again. Practically everyone had acted in good faith except those four. b6 b7C b7D

"We were to nominate delegates to the convention [redacted] These were agreed on.

"Then [redacted] and said she was sorry [redacted] but she thought she had as much right to go to the convention at least to speak even if she couldn't vote. That she had a right to fight for [redacted] position because it was the only honest one. What about [redacted] who was two faced. He sayd one thing at a board meeting & something else when he gets to N. Y.

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[redacted] should speak if she wanted to and [redacted] But she said she wouldn't vote for her if it meant [redacted] at the convention. [redacted] abstained. [redacted] on the basis that [redacted] from [redacted] club. [redacted] said we wouldn't set a meeting until after the convention had taken place."

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
100-12244 EDUCATION
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4 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
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"The following report concerns a [redacted] meeting held [redacted] at the home of [redacted] [redacted] Maryland.

Those in attendance at the meeting in addition to [redacted] were [redacted] and the following [redacted]

Just prior to the meeting [redacted] some letters addressed to CP National Committee Members and one pertained to the coming CP National Committee meeting December 16-18, in New York City. [redacted] that he had received the letters from GEORGE MEYERS, Chairman of the Maryland - D. C. CP District.

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[redacted] ten copies of a pamphlet which contained reprints of articles from the World Marxist Review published in 1959.

The meeting got under way at about 9:10 p.m. with [redacted]

[redacted] said that he wanted to make a few remarks about the CP educational classes which were to take place the following week with [redacted] in charge.

[redacted] said that he wanted the appointment of a club secretary to be on the agenda since each club was to have a secretary to meet with the Organizational Committee once a month. [redacted] said he would also like to discuss the registration of Party members and the general organizational setup of the Party locally.

[redacted] then said that on December 3, 1960, educational classes would take place at 1:00 p.m. at [redacted] and

on December 4, 1960, at 1:00 p.m. at
On December 5, 1960, classes would be at 8:30 p.m.
and on December 6, 1960, at 8:30 p.m. at

They then discussed where would stay and it was decided that he would stay with Friday through Sunday, and with on Monday and Tuesday.

then told the group that he had been having contacts with the son of former CP member, and had also seen and a former CP member. made an inquiry as to the possibility of bringing the and back into the CP.

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said that had been trying to pull white comrades out of the Party and set up an organization of his own and had been carrying on this type of work in Washington, D. C. He said that did not have any name for his group nor did they have any planned program.

then told to keep and that and position would have to be examined before they returned to the Party.

Most of the others present agreed with position with regard to

then told the others that the national leadership wanted a secretary set up in every CP club to collect dues and literature money and to meet with the which and CP member, who were the said that the Committee and the secretaries would meet once a month to discuss how to build the Party and carry on Party activities.

They then discussed the appointment of a secretary and it was decided that who was as the would handle the job.

then pointed out that the CP national leadership had

[redacted] sent them a letter concerning the registration of members which was the first to take place in many years. He said that the national leadership needed a clear picture as to the size of the Party, how much money was coming in and the distribution of literature.

[redacted] said that he felt that at the next meeting all in the club should register and have their dues paid up-to-date. The rest agreed.

[redacted] then read a letter from PHIL BART, CP National Organizational Secretary, concerning registration and showed them the forms sent with the letter. He then asked [redacted] to get together and [redacted] for the club members.

[redacted] told the group that there need be no worry about security since the forms would not go through the mail.

[redacted] then said that all facts should be taken down except the names since the National Organizational Committee only wanted the number of persons and not the names. When [redacted] objected, [redacted] said that he would talk to [redacted] about it.

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[redacted] then spoke on organization pointing out that since the 17th National Convention leadership was asking for closer ties between the national and state bodies, he said that the clubs should know what action was being taken by the higher bodies and in turn the leadership should know what was being done by the clubs.

Then [redacted] told the group as to what the Party locally had done in various fields to forward the Party work. This included work in youth, sit-in demonstrations, work in labor and in work with the NALC.

[redacted] said that the Party as a whole must work harder in the future and correct weaknesses.

Discussion followed on [redacted] report and on work in youth and the elections.

Dues were then collected with [redacted] paying $2 for October

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and November.

[redacted] then sold a copy of the book "Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism" to [redacted] for $.50 along with the "World Marxist Review" for $.25. [redacted] also bought the same two pieces of material with [redacted] taking an extra copy of the "Fundamentals of Marxism - Leninism."

They then decided that the next meeting be held December 13, 1960, at [redacted]

The meeting ended about 11:20 p.m.

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Just prior to the end of the meeting, [redacted] mentioned that he had recently seen [redacted], a former CP member. [redacted] said that they both recalled the individual."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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FROM: [redacted]
SUBJECT: CP - FACTIONALISM
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Date(s) of activity [redacted]

Brief description of activity or material

Visit of [redacted] [redacted] Mass., during which Party business discussed.

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Remarks:

In view of the sensitivity of this informant the utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this information prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity of the source.

Informant's written report follows:

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1-100-20787
2-New York (100-87211)(RM)
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1-[redacted]
1-100-24914 (PHILIP BART)
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"At a previous meeting it was decided that [redacted] would try to set up a meeting between Phil Bart and some of the North Shore people to enlighten these people more on how the National Committee feels the New England Convention should be conducted and give their views to the National Committee on what they feel is the correct approach.

[redacted] told [redacted] that Phil Bart has gone back to New York and will not be available at this time but [redacted] will be glad to meet with us. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] thought we should invite Phil and [redacted] to meet at this meeting with [redacted]

[redacted] said he did not think we should as the purpose mainly would be to discuss the so-called followers of [redacted] and how to keep them in line with Party policy.

"After much discussion of the actions of [redacted] and his followers we agreed that [redacted] would meet at [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] said he would contact [redacted] and make the date Thursday, Nov. 3."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 12/27/60

SAC, NY (100-56379)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly summary 12/19-25/60)
CINAL
(OO: New York)

12/19/60

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, had discussed the funeral of ABE SOKOLOFF that the subject had attended in Philadelphia, the previous day. He said he had seen JOE ROBERTS, who had been very cool toward him. CONNIE criticized ROBERTS as being a very weak person and said she remembered that he had been corrupted by BOB KLONSKY.

She then asked the subject if he knew TOM NABRIED'S address in Philadelphia as she wanted to send him a Christmas card. The subject then mentioned AGNES WILLIS and said that she had a very good potential having a keen mind and she will be very valuable to the Party with a little development. He said that it is very unfortunate that GUS HALL does not get to know the new cadre the way he should. He said HALL will have to take hold of the Party and give it some direction.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject mentioned to his wife a clandestine meeting he had had with MORRIS CHILDS, that day, away from the office. CONNIE asked the subject if he could tell her anything that CHILDS had told him. He said he could but that it was for no one else's ears but her own.

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He said the meeting that MORRIS had attended (in Moscow) had been very crucial. He said the American CP had not been criticized for its application of Marxism, but for thinking it could develop an American type. He said there is more information in the document issued at this conference than one readily sees.

The subject said that relative to the "latin-American revolution" it may not take the form that the one in Cuba has but may employ a more peaceful means. He said "our friend K" (KHRUSHCHEV) is personally responsible for the success in South America. He said that the position of the American CP was one of the clearest at the conference and had helped many of the other Parties who were having sharp differences among themselves. He said that after all our Party has 43 years of formulation and experience which stands on the record for itself. He said that Socialism has to be made attractive to mankind if the theory of co-existence is to progress and develop. He said the spokesman for the American Party was looked upon as a recognized international leader. He said that MORRIS also mentioned WILLIAM FOSTER and said that the Russians respect him over there and will be very happy to have him. However, he said his ideas will not be too popular and they will not carry any weight.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had discussed with his wife the fact that a decision had been made that in the NY District all handling of finances will be centralized and that it will no longer be handled on a county level.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that he had seen LOUISE PATTERSON who returned from Moscow, Russia and told her that [redacted] is attending the [redacted] there. He said that [redacted] when she finishes at the [redacted] He said that she is [redacted] and the [redacted]

NY 1749-S* advised that MARY KAUFMAN had contacted the subject and requested him to furnish her with a special fund to cover a "fabulous printing bill" on the THOMPSON case and a few other matters. After a good deal of discussion, the subject agreed to furnish her with the funds.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had held an open-house party at their residence which had been attended by numerous CP functionaries. Source advised that due to the large group and the great amount of noise, he was unable to furnish any pertinent information.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the fact that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was spending Christmas with BETTY GANNETT and JIM TORMEY. CONNIE was very critical of TORMEY as was the subject. He told CONNIE that he did not want either of them invited to any more of their parties. He said that BETTY has a terrible belligerent attitude.

The subject then mentioned JOE BRANDT who he said is a possibility for the Industrial Section in the NY District although he, himself, does not think he is right for the job. He then mentioned PAUL ROBESON, JR. and said that his speeches are full of the old cliches but he is still one of the Party's most valuable workers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (100-12485) DATE: 12/27/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80640)

SUBJECT: CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION
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(OO: NY)

NY 2359-S* advised on 11/19/60, that on that date a meeting of the Negro Commission, CP, USA was held at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Among those attending the meeting were: TOM NABRIED, TED BASSETT, WILLIAM PATTERSON, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, FRANCES GABOW, JIM TORMEY and GEORGE MEYERS.

At the outset of the meeting, WILLIAM PATTERSON stated that, because of the security problem, the comrades were requested to avoid mentioning names and to use the blackboard which was available. He said there would be two reports, one by Comrade BASSETT, on the elections and the role of the Negro people and one by Comrade LIGHTFOOT, who would give an analysis of the work of the Commission for the year and some new perspectives.

9 - Baltimore (100-12485) (RM)
(1-100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS)
(1-100-10584) (JAKE GREEN)
(1-100-10395) (MARCUS MC BRIDE)
(1-100- ) (CP, USA SOUTHERN REGION)
(1-100- ) (CP, USA RELIGIOUS MATTERS)
(1-100- ) (CP, USA STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
(1-100- ) (CP, USA WOMEN'S MATTERS)
(1-100- ) (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

8 - Chicago (100- ) (RM)
(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1-100- ) (GERALDINE LIGHTFOOT)
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1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
1 - New York (100-79025) (MILDRED MC ADORY) (415)
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TED BASSETT then gave his report during which he mentioned the following:

One of the main features of the election campaign was that the Negro voters reversed the 1956 trend toward EISENHOWER and provided the narrow margin of victory for President-elect KENNEDY. This was true not only in the industrial centers of the North but in the South. The Negro vote was far and beyond the margin of victory in South Carolina, North Carolina and Texas. Another feature was that there was no essential gains in Negro representation. The Negroes did not boycott the election but entered into the campaign within the framework of the two party system. This was in line with the analysis of the Party. The idea of executive action on the part of the government is being brought forth and emphasized by almost all the Negro newspapers and Negro organizations. What stands out is the increased activity of the Negro Movement in contrast to the decline, since 1950, of the Negro-Labor Alliance. This is a weakness.

There was a struggle to write the platforms, to elect the "big man" (KENNEDY) and the struggle to "cash in" in around Congress. There were four (Negro) Congressmen elected and thirty (Negro) persons elected to state legislatures and smaller representations won in the South, but there was no essential change as far as Negro representation is concerned. There has been only a token step toward Negro representation.

It was the Negro vote that carried the state of South Carolina for KENNEDY and Negroes influenced 232 Electoral votes in northern states.

Emphasis should be placed on building a new political party because as far as Negroes are concerned, they have difficulty in finding their way within the two party system. "We" have to begin to build independent machinery and independent development of the Negro people. There is a concentrated attack on Negro leaders, which is the whole fight around third party nominees in government.

A discussion period followed this report and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT spoke and commended BASSETT on his report. LIGHTFOOT proposed that the National Committee (NC) permit BASSETT to present this material at the coming NC meeting, that BASSETT continue to work on his report with the view of writing a feature article for "The Worker", giving the Party's analysis of the 1960 election.

LIGHTFOOT also made the following comments:

The weight of the Negro vote in the 1960 elections must be made to stand out. Registered Negro voters in the South is a new feature in modern politics. Politicians seeking office no longer need to seek a coalition with the Dixiecrats. Progress in the United States is tied with the question of defeating the Dixiecrats.

The Steering Committee of the Negro Commission made a resolution that pressure be put on President-elect KENNEDY, that since 1963 will be the 100th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, a Presidential proclamation be drafted stating that slaves still are not free and that executive action will be taken to remove any vestige of Jim Crow and segregation. Comrade PATTERSON is working on this and it will be circulated among leaders all over the country. PATTERSON will work to establish an open letter which the CP will address to the President and which will be put in all leading Negro newspapers in the country.

TOM NABRIED, in his comments, mentioned the following:

The Negro working class is an organized part of the labor movement. The role of the Negro voter, especially in the South, has made for a new political alignment. "We" should give serious thought to what this means and concentrate on action in the South in certain areas.

Negro voters contributed a major part in the election and pressure should be exerted to help gain "our" objective. The Negro must have contact with other communities. They can not remain in ghettos, otherwise they will never get their share of Negroes elected. The Negro must have the right to move into any community. "Our" struggle to elect Negro representation must continue.

WILLIAM PATTERSON also spoke and stated that the Negro Question is the most complex question in the United States. Regardless of who won the election, only through pressure can "we" gain "our" objective. PATTERSON stated that it is vital to get into mass movements, join conferences and, most important, to influence the leaders, before they get to these conferences. In order to gain "our" objectives, it is necessary to belong to the labor movement. Labor and Negroes will gain what they want if they continue to work together.

PATTERSON commented that in order to gain these objectives, they should have mass demonstrations at City Halls and State Capitals and put pressure on them to carry out their committments. Pressure should be put on Congress and the Administration to pass new laws as required and to enforce existing laws.

MILDRED MC ADORY spoke next and said there is a need for an open independent role of the Party. The only way to run an election campaign is to run it on a year round basis and to begin now to get "our kind" of loose independent machinery set up. She said they should have a committee to fight on whatever issues they decide to fight on and not allow themselves to be forced into registering in the two major parties. She said that otherwise they would never be able to move ahead and make anything for themselves in the way of a third party.

MC ADORY commented that one of the best ways of reaching people in the Negro ghettos is on the question of old age benefits. Many Negroes have never been under Social Security and will not be helped by the proposed bill. These questions should be raised with independent candidates. The people who signed the independent nominating petitions should be used as a core to force elected candidates to carry out the things "we" raised. Pressure must be put on the Democratic Party in the North to take responsibility for what the Democrats in the South do. The Party must find the the reason why in a Presidential election, the lowest number of Negroes registered. The Party should conduct a survey which should be done with the Party's own questions. Since CASTRO came to Harlem, it has been easier to work with the Latin American people and "we" have much more unity with them.

FRANCES GABOW, in her comments, said that in Philadelphia, of the Negro population, 89 per cent of those who registered voted. The high vote in Philadelphia resulted from the registration campaign, the trade union movement and the Negro people's movement as well as the Democratic Party. She said there is a widening rift between labor and the Negroes, and that she did not believe they should limit their forces to the Democratic Party. She said many people are dissatisfied and are ready to walk out and that she felt they should still consider running a third party.

JIM TORMEY spoke next and made the following comments:

The closeness of the election increased the position of the Negro people and other minority groups. The possibility of alliances and united front work exists among these segments of the population. The question of national conscience will grow in this country and the Party has to work with this.

Increasing Negro representation should be the center of Party concern and consideration. The Party must re-emphasize the necessity of Party forces, Negro and white, getting into mass organizations. Organizations must be developed in Negro and Negro fringe communities to realize the possibility of Negro representation. Thought must be given by the Party to the development of coalitions against the Republican-Dixiecrat Alliance. One approach is the manner in which the Party develops solidarity movements between the North and South around the segregation and sit-in struggles. The Party must study the question of struggle against the Republican-Dixiecrat Alliance which will be the central aspect of the Party's struggle for a realignment, which can result in a breakaway from the two party system.

TED BASSETT again spoke and reiterated the need for Negro representation and said they must pay more attention to youth and must get in on the ground floor in local struggles. He said they must enter all phases of struggles, must attempt to eliminate the Dixiecrats and must continue to build independent forces.

WILLIAM PATTERSON next proposed that BASSETT's report be accepted and it was accepted unanimously. The proposals made by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT were also agreed to.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT presented his report and explained that it consisted of two points: 1. an estimate of the work and weaknesses of the National Negro Commission 2. Some "out and out thinking" on a plan of work for the Commission in 1961.

LIGHTFOOT suggested that those present reread the Negro resolution from the Party's 17th National Convention and see where it needs strenthening. He felt that following their next meeting a subcommittee should be established to draft a supplement to the resolution. He said that one of the errors that needs strengthening is that the possibility of achieving Negro liberation has been enhanced far beyond what is prevalent in the present resolution. He urged that the resolution be examined and brought up to date with present currents and trends. He stated the resolution should spell out what is meant by saying that the Negro question is still the national question.

LIGHTFOOT, in his report, continued as follows:

A contradiction emerged from the election campaign between the role of the Negro electorate in general and the fact that there was no substantial advancement in Negro representation. Negro freedom in America will be gained to the extent that Negroes have power and strength and "we" should work for the establishment of their power and their sharing of power with other ethnical groups that make up the American body politic.

A positive aspect of the Commission is that a group of comrades do get together and discuss things. More progress would have been made if they had more money to work with. Steps should be taken to strengthen the Commission even if it is on an Eastern Seaboard level so that it will function regularly. The Commission is lacking in terms of its composition and functioning. "We" should recommend to the Secretariat that the Labor and Organizational Secretaries participate in every meeting of the Negro Commission. Comrade GEORGE (MEYERS), who has the responsibility to the NC for work in the South, should be on the Negro Commission.

Some of the things that the Commission worked on during the past year were:

1. The march on the conventions of the two major parties.

2. The development of the National Negro Labor Council (Negro American Labor Council, NALC).

3. Attempts to affect certain changes in the NAACP.

4. The Negro Church

In order to get the program over to the Party, four regional conferences were held, one on the Eastern Seaboard, one in the Midwest, one in Los Angeles and one in San Francisco, which included Seattle.

The two areas in which the Party made the most decisive contributions were the NALC and the march on the two conventions. If there were no Party forces in the NALC there probably would not be a NALC in existence at the present time.

Another area of work which members of the Commission contributed to, but which did not originate with the Commission, was the decision to send some Negro women to the Ghana Conference of African Women. Through the direct intervention of Party forces, sixteen Negro women from America went to Ghana and, although it cost $25,000, the Party spent only about two to three hundred dollars. Many of these women got trips to the Soviet Union.

The Party also played a role in organizing supporting action in the North with regard to the sit-in movement.

1960 represents an extension of mass work in the field of Negro work but the Party has not grown in this period. The central perspective of the Party in 1961 should be the growth, consolidation and expansion of the influence of the Party. Instead of regional conferences, as in the past year, district conferences should be held. There should be concentration in all major districts. The situation now should allow for them to consolidate the Party's influence in various communities, extend ties and influence with the masses and recruit new people in the Party. As an example, "we" have forty people registered in Harlem and on the East Side of Detroit, nothing. The same is true all over the country. "We" will determine who wants to build the Party in terms of what "we" do and not by words.

Under the conditions which the Party has to work, in America today, certain security measures must be taken but what is real security and what is false security must be defined and methods of work which are self-defeating must not be adopted. Experience has shown that workers do not join the Party on the basis of just intellectual experience but join when they feel the Party is an instrument for helping solve the problems they face.

As an example of what can be done by known Communists in some organizations, a Section Organizer in Los Angeles went to Copenhagen, Denmark, for the World Peace Conference with credentials from two of the leading Baptist churches of that community.

In addition to working in bourgeoisie lay organizations, "we" must seek out specific goals in each community through which a few known Communists can work with non-Communists.

A new emphasis must be placed on the question of the Negro church because in the Negro church a Negro known Communist can work. His thinking on this question was greatly accelerated by PETTIS PERRY, who has been preaching this for years.

While in Los Angeles, he, LIGHTFOOT, met with a church club committee consisting of four comrades. One was the political action director of his church and another is political adviser to forty ministers. As a result of this experience, "we" have a church committee in Chicago based on three or four comrades who are "wheels in those churches." The church committee is getting out a year book in connection with Negro History Week as a tribute to the Negro church.

The question of building the Party in 1961 should be the principal goal and should be directly connected to work within the bourgeoisie left mass organizations and finding additional forms of organizations in which known Communists can begin to participate.

NY 2359-S* advised that the meeting of 11/19/60, then adjourned.

NY 2359-S* advised on 11/20/60, that on that date the meeting of the Negro Commission of the CP, USA was continued at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. The chairman of this meeting was WILLIAM L. PATTERSON and among those attending were CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, JIM TORMEY, TED BASSETT, FRANCES GABOW, TOM NABRIED, JAKE GREEN and MILDRED MC ADORY.

At the outset of this session, JIM TORMEY was the speaker and said that the resolutions that had been mentioned needed discussion. He said a general discussion was necessary but that this was not the time to do it. He mentioned the thirteen African nations coming into the United Nations and said that, even with present weaknesses, they could help to bring about a change in the relationship of forces in the Negro people's movement, based on the

inevitable shifting of forces that will take place. He stated the whole idea was to examine the international situation, to help the Party nationally. He called for a discussion on the economic impact on the Negro people's movement and stressed the need for the development of an action program.

TOM NABRIED was the next speaker and said they must not only correct personal errors but organizational errors. He said the correction of the organizational political movement would eliminate much of the personal errors. According to NABRIED, the weakness of the Party was the lack of knowledge about the Party's weaknesses and contributions to the masses.

FRANCES GABOW also spoke and thanked LIGHTFOOT for inviting her to the Commission meeting even though she is not a member. She praised LIGHTFOOT's analysis of Party work and discussed the question of Negro women. She said this has been a weak point in the Party, that the Party has not probed into the character of the field of Negro women and has not made it possible for Negro women to participate actively in Party work. She stated that many Party Negro women find an active place in church work but not in Party work and that the Party is losing these people.

GABOW also felt that there is a need to rebuild the left progressive movements around the Party and felt there was more need for using national comrades to go to areas, such as Pennsylvania, where the Party has been stripped of adequate leadership.

JAKE (GREEN) said the Commission must examine the role of the Negro people's movement and what role the Party will play on a world-wide scale. He felt specific proposals should be made to each district for action and, at the next Commission meeting, they should report on what had been done to further these proposals.

MILDRED MC ADORY, in her comments, felt an open and truthful criticism of Party work was the only way the Party would grow. She said it was important that comrades work in left organizations and that it would be more effective if they worked in two or three such organizations rather than in a large number.

MC ADORY mentioned that at a recent Harlem conference, it was discovered that many Negro comrades are concerned about security. She said it was decided to have an open Party headquarters there.

TED BASSETT spoke and said he felt the Party could solve its problems only to the extent that they could improve the relationships of comrades to the masses. He said comrades must show leadership in mass organizations but not necessarily by being in the top leadership. He emphasized that a Party member could approach and talk to many people in many different ways without coming out and saying that he is a Communist. He was for district conferences and felt the whole question of Jim Crow must be raised to a new level. BASSETT stressed the importance of the power held by the Baptist church and that the Party must work through this organization.

WILLIAM PATTERSON spoke and made the following comments:

There is a danger in building another organization and not the Party because this organization may destroy the Party. The weaknesses of comrades in mass organizations is the weakness of the Party. The Negro struggle in the United States leads all others. It has the aspects of a liberation struggle but the leaders of those (Negro) organizations follow the foreign policy of the United States, in the main. This is an ideological challenge for the Party and "we" must produce material showing that they negate strong action by giving support to a government which will not protect "our" (Negro) rights under the Constitution or recognize our status as human beings. Negroes

have been blessed with the opportunity of fighting American Imperialism in the Western Hemisphere to a greater extent than anyone else. "We" can destroy any idea that there is any moral or ethical integrity attached to America's approach to Africa, and South America.

"We" must examine the general approach to mass organizations. "Our" approach is based upon sponetaneity and not of a long range character, especially with regard to their conventions.

There has never been a better moment in history to move forward and build the Party. The Negro will accept freedom from any source. "We" can work through Negro freedom organizations everywhere.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT in his summation, said he wanted to make a few organizational proposals. He mentioned the adoption of the two proposals on the 1960 elections on the previous day, one being that BASSETT's report would be given as a sub-report to the next meeting of the NC and the other being that this report would form the basis of a feature article for "The Worker", with reprints to be made for circulation in Negro communities.

LIGHTFOOT proposed that PATTERSON prepare a memorandum for the districts on the effort of the South to override and defeat the will of the people in respect to the election of KENNEDY. He also said that they should get the maximum amount of pressure on KENNEDY now relative to what is taking place in Louisiana and call for demonstrations in support of the struggle in New Orleans. An emergency meeting of the Party Secretariat should be called to deal with the affair in Louisiana. LIGHTFOOT also proposed that the four Negro women on the NC, CHARLENE (MITCHELL), MILDRED (MC ADORY), JUANITA (WHEELER) and GERALDINE (LIGHTFOOT), get together with FRANCES (GABOW) at the next NC meeting to work on the question of Negro women. He said that at the next meeting of the Negro Commission, he, TED (BASSETT) and PAT (PATTERSON) should be responsible for writing out the program for 1961.

LIGHTFOOT stated that they have not delivered what they promised at the 17th National Convention and that he desired to place, as the central theme of the program for 1961, the building and consolidating of the Party. He said he felt it is better to build on an ideological basis with coursesin Marxism than on a functional basis.

LIGHTFOOT also stated that they must have new approaches to the building of the Party in the South and suggested that someone may have to go into the South to make contacts with individuals. He said, eventually, they might be able to bring them into the Party as members-at-large, with the next step being to form clubs which, because of the widely scattered members, may meet only once or twice a year. He said they must also get in a position to influence the students in the South.

LIGHTFOOT said that their principal aims in 1961 should be: 1. To develop the growing anti-imperialist consciousness of the Negro masses and defeat the foreign policy of the American Government as it relates to the colonial world. 2. Give a new dimension to the struggle for "freedom now", which is already present and show what must be done to get freedom. 3. Continue to work in the Negro mass organizations but give top priority to the penetration of the Baptist church. LIGHTFOOT said that if they could do this they would have an instrument of struggle in the North to join with the similar one in the South in order to close the gap. He said he knew a lot of women comrades who are powers in their churches.

LIGHTFOOT commented that the instrument for carrying out the elemental program would be the district conferences in every district with three or four of the leading members of the Commission present.

NY 2359-S* advised that following LIGHTFOOT's activities, the reports and proposals made during the meeting were adopted.

Los Angeles is requested to attempt to ascertain the identity of the Section Organizer mentioned on page 9, as well as the identities of the church club committee mentioned on page 10.

Chicago should attempt to determine the identities of the church committee mentioned on page 10.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-8329) 12/23/60

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

MARY KAUFMAN
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 12/15/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 12/15/60, MARY (KAUFMAN) contacted PHIL (BART). MARY said she is seeing GUS at the office tomorrow at 12:00..would like PHIL to have some money for her as she needs it to pay the rent. PHIL said he'll have something for her and when she sees GUS he'll have something for her too..thinks she'll be surprised..PHIL mentioned they are having a meeting tomorrow..MARY said she is to see GUS during the noon break..told PHIL that she is having trouble with the FOSTER passport. PHIL remarked that Capitalism doesn't give in an inch..invited MARY to an open house..at his place..23rd..8:30 to 9..MARY said she will be able to make it..will go with BETTY (GANNETT) and JIM (TORMEY)..PHIL told her that The Worker" is having a get together on the 29th.. from 6-9..will have a large group of people.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
1-NY (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1-NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-12)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26054 )

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
MICHIGAN DISTRICT
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(OO:DETROIT)

NY 2471-S* advised this date that BILLY ALLAN of Detroit contacted ERIC BERT at "The Worker" office in NYC advising that the Party office and "The Worker" office in Detroit was "wrecked" yesterday causing about $500 in damages. He said individual involved was apprehended by Detroit PD and has been released in his own recognizance.

ALLAN said the "newspaper people here" believe it was an attack against "The Worker" and not the Party.

NY 2010-S* advised later this date that PHIL BART was in contact with BILLY ALLAN regarding details of story to be released. BART said "tie it up with EDGAR HOOVER's blast yesterday."

ALLAN agreed and remarked that a guy like this gets "smoked up" with all this anti-Communist hysteria and then goes out and does something like this. BART repeated, "Yeah, you link it up, the blast EDGAR HOOVER made yesterday. He (HOOVER) did not make a blast against these damn rats who are going around wrecking offices."

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2-Detroit (RM)
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1-NY 100-25023 (ERIC BERT) (415)
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (415)
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| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 12/13/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 12/13/60, PHIL and CONNIE (BART) contacted PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON)..PAT said he got PHIL's instructions and things he sent..NY told him that everything is arranged..PAT said he's to take the same bus PHIL took..8:30 a.m. from Port Authority..PHIL said the trip takes an hour and 45 min..thinks that PAT will enjoy himself..CONNIE invited PAT and LOUISE (PATTERSON) over..next Friday. PAT thought that will be okay.

1-NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1-NY (100-24624) (LOUISE PATTERSON) (414)
1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-84275) (414)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

PHILIP BART
~~ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN~~
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 12/10/50 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 12/10/50, CONNIE (BART) attempted to call AL 4-[illegible]8 and had trouble. She asked if repair service was open today and was informed by operator that it was. She asked operator to dial above number.

CONNIE then spoke to ELIZABETH and ELIZABETH said she has a bad cold and was waiting now for them to pick her up. CONNIE stated she is sorry she hasn't seen ELIZABETH yet. ELIZABETH asked if PHIL (BART) went to Philadelphia and CONNIE said yes, will be home soon and he will probably see ELIZABETH then. ELIZABETH said she is very lonesome for Moscow and all her friends there.

1-NY (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/22/60

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

FROM: SA JOSEPH A. CULLEN

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE USED IN REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE BY ITS VERY NATURE IT TENDS TO IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

This memo is submitted to set forth in some detail remarks made by those present at a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests held on 11/30/60, in CP Headquarters, NYC, as reported by NY 2359-S* on that date. A summary of this meeting was furnished to the Bureau and Chicago by letterhead memorandum, dated 12/1/60.

1-New York (100-86624) (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
1-New York (100-128814) (CP, USA, NYD - ORGANIZATION) (414)
1-New York (100-128821) (CP, USA, NYD - FACTIONALISM) (414)
1-New York (100-129802) (CP, USA - COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)(41)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1-New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414)
1-New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)
1-New York (100-13444) (JOE NORTH) (415)
1-New York (100-5106) (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414)
1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1-New York (100-128255) (DANNY RUBIN) (415)
1-New York (100-73561) (ABE UNGER) (414)
1-New York (100-87995) (JOE EDLEMAN) (415)
1-New York (100-95550) (PAUL ROBESON) (414)
1-New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (414)
1-New York (100-118174) (MILT ROSEN) (414)
1-New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
1-New York (100-15828) (JOE BRANDT) (421)
1-New York (100-80641)

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1-New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
1-New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (421)
1-New York (100-57557) (INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS) (415)
1-New York (100-10989) (NEW CENTURY PUBLISHERS) (415)
1-New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
1-New York (100-50094) (ESTHER CANTOR) (414)
1-New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1-New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1-New York (97-1792) (FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE) (31)
1-New York (100-9369) (TED BASSETT) (414)

Those in attendance: GUS HALL, BEN DAVIS, IRVING POTASH, PHIL BART, ARNOLD JOHNSON, WILLIAM PATTERSON, JOE NORTH, CLARENCE HATHAWAY, JACK STACHEL, DAN RUBIN, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

JOE NORTH gave a report on Cuba and Latin America in which he quoted an article by ROSCOE DRUMMOND in the NY Herald Tribune of 11/30/60, to the effect that the consequences of exported Castroism would be the spreading Communist base in the Western Hemisphere, disunity among the American republics, disintegration of the Organization of American States, and a massive hemisphere-wide anti-US crusade which would make the violent attacks on Vice-President NIXON look like nursery stuff.

NORTH continued as follows: The economic sanctions against Cuba are already causing suffering and impeding industrialization. Until the process of aid and trade from "the mother country--the socialist block, the United Arab Republic, etc"., is in effect there is a real problem in Cuba with people pulling in their belts and suffering real hardships. There is an amazing confession and bare-faced statement in the "Wall Street Journal", that there are 50 to 70 thousand Cubans and spies and the building up of an invasion army. A person described as a leading Cuban businessman is quoted as saying that the .....authorities "know what we are doing and go along with it". According to the "Wall Street Journal", an effort will be made to establish a bridge-head in Cuba and a Free Cuba declared and they call on the US for help.

The potentiality of support that can be gotten on this issue can be seen by the mass meetings that this organization (blackboard) has held with a minimum of organization--1,500 in Chicago, in NY 700 at the Renaissance in Harlem (Renaissance Casino, 150 W. 138th St.)

JOE NORTH A monthly bulletin is gotten out by them (blackboard). They have a pamphlet on Cuba, in which they say that the Cuban people are alert to the fact that any aid given to them by the Soviets is for the purpose of making Cuba a satellite and that the Cuban people will not follow the pattern of STALIN and KHRUSHCHEV, but more in the pattern of LENIN and TROTSKY. The role of the Trotskyites is well-known to the leading figures. They screen members as rigorously as any kind of a reactionary organization, and the fact that they charge $5.00 per head is not destined to make that a mass organization. They are intellectuals with no ties with the labor movement or the Negro peoples movement. When the meeting was held at the Renaissance (150 W. 138th St.) I am told there were 700 there and only a handful of Negroes in spite of the fact that Cuba is 50% non-white. I think we should re-establish a periodical which deals with Latin America. We had such a periodical for many years. I think that somebody must devote most of his time to this committee(on Latin America); Otherwise I'm afraid we will continue to lag.

PHIL PART: The "Wall Street Journal" states that people who are recruited into this interventionist force cannot leave the area in Miami until they are ready to ship them to prevent spies from operating. It's like a foreign government operating on American soil with American approval. There are many times the number of Cuban refugees in Miami as there were Hungarian refugees. An article in the "Nation" stated that the United States leased one million acres of land to be used as a training ground in Guatemala. There is a lot of material coming out in connection with Cuba by so-called friends of Cuba against Communism. So it's not just a question of our entering into this committee now in existence. That is very important and very essential and our being squeezed out of it is a very serious question,but we are also faced with an

attempt to suppress Communism in Latin America. The Secretary of the Mexican Party is now in jail for four months and there was no reaction in this country. It is not just his committee that is important. There are certain public figures that are associated with Latin America such as CARLTON FIELDS. Whether they are members of this committee or not, they are part of this thing and take part in meetings such as the one in Jersey a week ago and meetings in Chicago, Cleveland, etc. So when you talk to college students about the committee, it's not the committee that is important, it's CARLTON FIELDS, C. WRIGHT MILLS and other people who are publicly known as progressive intellectuals. Students see their books and writings and know that they lecture in various cities. But, I do think we have to work in this committee. It's difficult because of the screening. Some people who made application and paid their money didn't get membership cards. I did get my membership card. I think a number of people must become active in this committee. It's true that they don't call meetings, that it is bureaucratic, it's true that they don't involve the people, etc.; but, they constantly make appeals for participating in various committees; speakers, mailing, and raising funds. If we can get in, we can become a part of that. We should try to expose this thing in Miami. (The build-up of an invasion force).

It is believed the committee referred to by BART is "The Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

WILLIAM PATTERSON: Our responsibilities have grown but our activities have not. It's almost criminal that there isn't a Latin American Commission that is constantly collecting material and making concrete proposals for ideological and programmatic activity.

IRVING POTASH: American imperialism will not be able to do in Latin America what it has done in the past. The sending down of the fleet is a very important test. If they can get away with that, the danger will be much greater.

An international affairs committee has got to be set up immediately with a responsible head who will work on Latin America. The entire international affairs committee does not have to be set up today, but we should set up the Latin American branch. Also we should decide today that this committee should reinstate the publication. I understand that there is available an apparatus for this; the finances are not important. In developing a movement of protest there should be concerntration on students and Negroes primarily, but not exclusively because here we will encounter the best possibility for immediate reaction, and whatever movements develop here will stimulate movements in other directions such as trade union, etc. We should have public protest demonstrations, demands for withdrawing the fleet, and problems of this kind such as expressions against intervention similar to the movement we had against intervention in Nicaragua. Our youth should be directed to concentrate on developing these movements. These movements do no necessarily have to develop through this committee that we were talking about but can develop independently and will find fertile ground among the students for public expressions of protest.

ARNOLD JOHNSON stated he had been advised that the Quakers were preparing a statement to KENNEDY or new Secretary of State requesting the KENNEDY administration immediately send a personal representative to Cuba to try to alter the relationship and to appreciate what Cuba is. He stated the party should look more carefully at the position of STEVENSON on Latin America. He added that more and more organizations were moving into the "Fair Play for Cuba" scene and the Party needs a "loosening up attitude" Toward the promotion of this "varity of groupings".

BART stated he had discussed it with New York and it had been proposed he be Chairman, but he felt due to the work involved someone be given this assignment who can devote full time to it. (It is noted that the security of the blackboard was utilized and the informant was unable to determine the composition of the committee).

From the discussion the informant believes that JOE NORTH was instructed to act as Chairman of the committee temporarily until such time as the Latin American Commission is organized (in the near future) and this matter will be taken up again at that time.

DAVIS stated the Party must take a long look at the Trotskyites. They have no strength in any colonial or semi-colonial country except Ceylon, but they are making a powerful bid to get a toe hold in Latin America and to become the spokesmen of the whole Latin American Revolutionary Movement. DAVIS felt this would require some long range thinking and ideological campaigning by the Party on the whole question of "Trotskyism during this period".

GUS HALL

HALL stated the next point on the agenda is New York. He said the conference that was held in New York recently had some "impermisible speaker." He stated ABE's (UNGER) speech was the speech of a completely irresponsible person as it was vicious and anti-Party. JOE EDLEMAN and PAULY (ROBESON) both gave poor speeches. While there were some honest comrades at the conference, they were not aware of what was going on.. and there was not one healthy speech that came forward in defense of the Party and Party policy. This goes directly back to the atmosphere that has been created and for which the leadership must take the responsibility. The poison of factionalism has penetrated very deeply, so that the comrades can't look at the problems in a positive fashion. The injection of this poison has not stopped, but has been stepped up as shown by the continuous slandering and vilification of the Party leadership. This element is out to destroy the Party and the leadership cannot just sit by and accept this. This nonsense must be stopped. The Board meeting is tomorrow night and the State Committee meeting is Saturday and Sunday. I propose that the State Committee be opened up with a political report by CLARENCE (HATHAWAY) which would include three features:

1. A political summary of developments and happenings of the NY Party in the main fields such as "Struggle for Peace", "Negro Rights" and "Trade Unions."

2. A presentation, in concrete form, of steps for the next three months for the Party tasks.

3. The projection of the organizational direction of the Party to meet these developments and the personnel question.

BILL (FOSTER) said that he not only agrees with the political content of the report (given previously by HALL) but agrees fully with the tone of the presentation all the way down. He felt he had gotten a more complete picture than before and has shifted his thinking on the status of the Party and feels "We" are making headway on many questions.

On the organizational question let us first deal with the structure. The overall direction has been adopted and now must be supplemented and the following are suggested for adoption:

1. The (NY) Staff cease to exist as a regular body of the Party as it usurps the powers of the Board. Staff meetings should be called only for special mobilizations of the Party.

2. One immediate structure policy should be that there is one State Staff in whatever full timers there are, they are State paid and State officers. One of the main obstacles in the past was the fact that the counties had their own bank books and financial independence. There should be one central treasurer and one payroll.

3. A commission or something should be set up to deal in a responsible fashion with the question of whatever reorganization has to take place so there is a realistic approach and there is no premature dispansion.

Concerning possible changes in NY leadership, and speaking about full-timers, GUS HALL suggested the following:

CLARENCE (HATHAWAY) remain as Chairman.

PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON) retain the same title and assignment.

BETTY (GANNETT) as Organizational and Educational (Secretary).

MILT (ROSEN) in charge of basic industrial concentration.

and a variation to consider is question of EVIE (WIENER) in charge of press, or in charge of administrative problems including press and finances, and literature.

Manhattan should be split in two, so non-full-timers can get its guidance. EVIE (WIENER), in that case, in charge of one half of Manhattan. Consider JOE BRANDT in some form or other as a non-full-timer to draw him in, possibly for Manhattan or as an industrial non-full-timer. BILL(ALBERTSON) and ARNOLD (JOHNSON) should be considered for different assignments. JOHNSON possibly in the peace field, and ALBERTSON possibly defense or The International Publishers.

I have some very serious criticisms about BETTY (GANNETT), especially on the question of her subjectivity. She does not have to constantly feel she is being destroyed. It would depend on this weakness whether she would emerge as a force or not.

MILT (ROSEN) should be in a position where his strongest features can be utilized to make a dent in the concentration field. It will take a vigorous struggle and persistence. MILT has that, and in that field he would be used in the best possible position.

EVIE (WIENER) has a weakness on policy and political line. She has not been a positive force in the last year. EVIE has a good spirit and is honest. She has administrative ability and should be used. She will develop and can be a positive force. MILT (ROSEN) will grow, mature, and learn, and the Party has to have patience with him.

JACK STACHEL

He agrees with HATHAWAY's report. He feels that ALBERTSON should be eliminated from leadership at this time and given another assignment, also BETTY GANNETT should be given another assignment.

He says that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON should have the title of State Secretary and both CLARENCE HATHAWAY and PATTERSON be given additional work. The State Organization could be included in work of State Secretary.

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BEN DAVIS

I still have serious disagreements with GUS HALL. I feel fundamental situation in district is not one of opposition to line of the Party. I agree with GUS HALL that back biting, slander, gossip, etc., must stop. On ABE UNGER - he should be invited in and given our collective opinions and put in a position where his ideas are not acceptable to other comrades. The State Committee and State Board should make their own decisions and policies and not wait for the National Center to make all the decisions and pass them down to the State to carry out. We must ascertain what the New York Party has done in carrying out the line of the Party in mass work and trade unions. We must cut out questions which do not interest the masses.

BEN DAVIS said the New York Party has to regain a certain stature in relationship to the rest of the Party in the country. If we don't do that, then we are not going to get anywhere. A big question throughout the Party is the implementation of the line the Party has adopted.

We must demonstrate a confidence in the New York Party. Also, we must have a self-critical attitude. We cannot build confidence among comrades in the New York Party unless we also demonstrate a confidence in them. My opinion is that one of the best elements to doing that is to let them elect their own leadership with our held and guidance.

On some of the proposals concerning the county and the specific task of comrades, I think we should take GUS' report not so much literally, but as a guide to action. I feel that MIMI (FREIDLANDER) has got to go. I feel that BILL (ALBERTSON) has got to go, and by that I don't mean go out of the Party or anything like that, but a change of work. GUS' ideas around the question of BILL for International Publishers or New Century appeal to me very much. BILL ALBERTSON is very capable although I have plenty of sharp criticism of BILL.

We are going to have to think in New York much more about how we can begin to supply cadres to other parts. We are going to have to think of how we can release some people and where they haven't got family problems or kids, how we can make them available. Regarding JIM TORMEY and BETTY GANNETT, I don't know. Maybe they could be better elsewhere. I think it would be better for BETTY to be in the school rather than in administration. BETTY has capabilities but she has had a long time to overcome her weaknesses and I don't see her overcoming a single one. I worked a while with BETTY "down there" and every weakness she ever had has come back, plus her subjectivity about how she was kicked around before she was brought back into the Party.

On the other proposals GUS made, I agree with the exception of one. I am against CLARENCE (HATHAWAY) remaining in his present position. CLARENCE has been a disappointment, not personally, but insofar as his past as Chairman of the Party in New York. I think also that CLARENCE has a serious health problem. CLARENCE is a very good comrade. I don't think that CLARENCE has taken the proper initiative in a very serious situation. Also, CLARENCE told members of the State Board that we had never discussed any questions of personnel with respect to leadership in New York. That is not true. The first report CLARENCE made when he came here, to the Secretariat, he said he did not see how MILT (ROSEN) and EVIE (WIENER) and ESTHER (CANTOR) could remain in the leadership of the Party in New York. When CLARENCE made a report at the State Staff, at which I was present, CLARENCE said that he thinks that the leadership has to be changed even if we have to have a special convention. But when he comes to the State Board, CLARENCE never said anything like that, but told the comrades there has been no ideas expressed by him on the questions of leadership and that it has elements of dishonesty in it. The State Board and State Commitee should have been apprised of CLARENCE's statement. CLARENCE, you have not been two sided in this whole situation. In many cases, what you have to say about MILT and EVIE and ESTHER, there's been a lot of justification. I many not agree, but I don't see how anybody can lead the Party in New York without a initial estimate of

the comrades. But, no initial estimate ( by CLARENCE ) of BILL and BETTY and these other comrades, and their responsibility for factionalism in New York.

I think you need a change. I think you want a very decisive leadership in the most decisive district.

Relative to myself, I do not want the Chairmanship of the New York Party. There's a certain guy out in southern California who ought to be a natural for a state leader of the Party somewhere. The best way to correct a situation which I think was a mistake, is that I should go back to Harlem. When I came to the Center I think that comrades, not including GUS, figured that the best way to correct the situation in New York was to get me out of New York. BILL and BETTY and JIM were among the comrades who wanted that.

The Party won't declare me "off limits." I am too much a part of the life of the city.

With respect to PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON), I have different ideas. PAT has a certain project in mind which he hasn't discussed yet. I would rather think of PAT in some national capacity, and do some of the brilliant public relations work which PAT can do nationally and to some extent internationally.

I would propose that I transfer the center of my work to HARLEM. I would take responsibility for the Negro work in New York, basing myself in Harlem and really trying to produce something and begin to slowly create and build a cadre (PH) and a base for the Party. My heart is in trying to take advantage of certain unique qualities (I possess) to really produce something for the Party and give a good demonstration of what can be done. If it can't be done, we should know that too.

IRVING POTASH

I think there is reason to hope that after the discussions that we have there might be created a collective leadership in New York that would really get down to work.

About the remarks that BEN made, I think if carried to their conclusion it would create a very critical situation. I see here a dismissing of the whole discussion that has been going on as if it has no meaning. If that's an estimate of the rest of us that BEN has, then I would say either we are "entirely off" or BEN is. Both can't be correct.

The Legislative Chairman of the biggest county openly and flagrantly carries on a position opposite to the electoral line of the Party, and he gets up at the meeting and makes a scurrilous attack on the leadership of the Party. When he finished his report we walked out.

POTASH continued to assail DAVIS' characterization of the CP, NYD as having failed to have any worthwhile work. He defended HATHAWAY's leadership as satisfactory considering the strife-torn situation in which he had to work.

POTASH condemned the idea that district organizers and district committees comprise "autonomous" organs free of any control by the National Office. He stated that in socialist parties each district may well be an "independent petty kingdom".

He stressed that the Communist Party is not a socialist party and will not tolerate the existence of such petty kingdoms. He defended the right of and the need for the national leadership to have a voice in choosing district leadership and in directing district affairs.

POTASH opposed DAVIS becoming Chairman of CP, NYD and stated that BEN's failure "to play his full role" in NY, particularly in the Negro field, could in no way be attributed to HATHAWAY. He stated that DAVIS, already residing at and working in NY, can successfully play his role in NY and in Harlem in particular, without becoming Chairman of CP, NYD.

WILLIAM PATTERSON

He generally agreed with GUS' outline of organizational changes. He stated that the weakness of NY could in no way be called a failure of HATHAWAY's, rather the entire national leadership deserves the blame for not having definitely resolved the situation long before now.

Regarding specific personalities, PATTERSON said the following:

1. BEN DAVIS has a part to play in Negro work and can play it providing he, in Harlem, will work with CLARENCE as co-Chairmen in NYD. He called upon DAVIS "To galvanize this New York Negro leadership, particularly in Harlem, around himself in the building of the Party line, in the building of the auxiliary organizations that are so necessary, such as the Afro-American Negro Heritage Organization and others. He noted that the CP in New York " finds its main anchor in Puerto Rican and Negro work".

2. MILT ROSEN, despite his improper attitudes in the past "is needed" because of his capabilities and his "tremendous energy."

3. BETTY GANNETT is capable and her tendencies toward "bureaucracy" and "subjectivity" possibly stem from her "insecurity". He suggested that if BEN would cease his attacks on her and agree to work with her, that BETTY's insecurity might be overcome and her subjectivity be changed.

4. Regarding Negro Work, he feels he "still has a lot to contribute to the Party" and is willing to become Chairman of the Negro Commission if the CP leadership collectively selects him. He stated that "Africa" provides the CP with "great opportunities" in its struggle "to effect certain changes in the attitude of the Negro".

5. BILL ALBERTSON should be in International Publishers where his "drive" and "administrative ability" can assist that organization "to play the role it could play in the American field".

6. ARNOLD JOHNSON's ability to deal with people, especially non-party people, could bring along the work in the peace field "at a rapid pace".

JOHNSON stated that regarding State Committee Meeting; bear in mind this meeting is called around reorganization and we can't let discussion get diverted.

Regarding elections: We have to analyze a degree of confusion developed on how to vote. I agree with GUS regarding ABE UNGER's speech, but he was the strongest advocate of a vote for KENNEDY. He felt not voting was a half vote for NIXON. The unity of the party is essential to the ability of the party to fulfill its role and this unity is not abstracted from political situations, but related to political situations. We need to develop more, the party of action in our thinking.

Regarding organizational proposal: As GUS said there is no prospect of one set of proposals satisfying everyone. There must be a combination of, in any statement of things, confidence in the party in NY and the same confidence in reasons for national concern about the Party in New York. You must be careful in reorganizing that you don't "wind up" with a federation of clubs instead of a federation of state.

Regarding Personnel proposals: I feel BEN should be Chairman of NY, but I propose that within a combination of things. I believe there ought to be a new set of relationships between nation and state that overlap in several fields. Do we need the high number of personnel nationally and a tendency to duplicate on a state scale? The organization within the state could be handled by a couple of persons and a combination of national with state on many others. BEN should be chairman due to the fact CLARENCE's leadership has not pulled the Party. Also the state needs more than a temporary outlook and

this is what CLARENCE has due to his health, a couple of years and he'll have to step out. Health is a problem that must be faced, CLARENCE has been forced to call off meetings due to his health. BEN should be National Secretary and NY Chairman. IRVING should have more responsibility in NY trade unions in cooperation with MILT. HY (LUMER) should have more responsibility in NY education work. Using volunteers in the counties you could get it down to about three people in NY as NY personnel and the others overlapping from the national. Regarding the school for BETTY: I don't think much of it, but she does work a great deal at that subject and it may be an easier answer both for BETTY and for getting the school off the ground, but I do warn about her subjectivity, it is unpredictable. She is a great organizer, but she is also known as a "great Bureaucrat" and she is such a "checker upper" of things out side the field that I'm afraid we'll find ourselves not exactly with the person that we are asking for. There is no simple solution. Regarding PAT (PATTERSON), as soon as he is on some project of interest to NY he'll thing of a dozen people out of town and pretty soon he's on the road. My whole feeling is that there should be a certain kind of National - State relationship partly because of what we should do insofar as our relationship with other cities. As for myself, it is no secret that I desired to be Chairman of NYD right after the National Convention and was asked by just about everybody at different times. I think I can handle the job, but I am mindful of one thing, and that is that any person who is Chairman of NY must have the full confidence of the National without which it would be very difficult. Lacking that I would never suggest myself for State Chairman. The answer to the future is involved and I suggest that we hold off and review it for the time necessary to work out what the assignments might be. I don't want to work in any situation based on semi-confidence. Regarding CLARENCE I think he would make a good editorial writer for the "Daily Worker" and its too bad we don't still have it. There should be an alternative to a proposal of this type. We should not proceed on the score of our own personalities subjectively or otherwise. I even considered proposing LOUIS WEINSTOCK for Chairman and I feel

he would be a far better choice than CLARENCE. There's got to be a more rounded approach. I will still argue that BEN would be best.

PHIL BART

I think we should focus on certain questions. These anti- Party screwballs like UNGER are dangerous to the Party. Accusations that we have a revisionist National leadership have to be fought. The main reason we are not just to discuss the NY Party leadership, but because of certain political developments that have taken place during the last year which are indicated in the form of the conflict and which raised the whole question of leadership. This has been the consistent line of struggle against the line of the National Committee. Comrades have a perfect right to disagree on various questions, but when you have a consistent position at meeting after meeting then you must raise the question as to why. We not only had criticism generally, but criticism of the line and the approach. That's the important thing. Otherwise we are only guessing and will divert and get away from this central question. Recommendations are being made specifically here. That doesn't mean that certain comrades are correct. We don't want to create a situation where certain comrades are eliminated as punishment for being wrong. You want to create a situation where you're going to present a criticism and demand the comrades participate to establish a line once and for all that can't be debated, and to mature the comrades through the struggle. We've all had that experience and we want to train young comrades by struggling against their ideas that are wrong. The main point I want to make is that we must fight the political gossip that is going around the Party and must struggle for Party unity around the Party line. There will be some confusion and misunderstanding but not on the part of leading people. Concerning CLARENCE, the important thing is that he is the best equipped man for the job. Any change at this time could only be for political reasons and there is no political reason to make a change.

CLARENCE HATHAWAY

Every effort must be made at the State Committee meeting to bring the question of the NY leadership to an end and bring constructiveness to work of the Party. Party work must be dwelled upon so out of the State Committee meeting there will grow a conviction that the struggle is ended; that questions of policy have been cleared up; that factionalism is ended in the district, that the line presented by GUS (HALL) to the conference is and must be the approach to work in the district, and of highlighting those in a positive way. Growing out of that we should go into a summary of the political situation and positive policies of the Party for the next immediate period. There has to be one Party, one line, and one leadership as the basis for carrying on Party work.

Expressed his willingness to serve the Party as State Chairman. Concerning health, HATHAWAY stated that during the last nine months he has carried on as fully as anyone else in NYD. The internal struggle in NY has done more to him than any physical exertion or health problem.

There has never been anything dishonest in my relations with the Party, and the comment that I have no outer approach to the masses is ridiculous. In everything I have done and said there has been an approach to the masses.

A broad mass approach is essential to the building of the Party and bringing forward the vanguard role of the Party.

Maintained when I came into the NY leadership, and still do, that leading the NYD without BEN (DAVIS) would be impossible, and saw him as the heart of the district. On the part of myself and NY leadership there never has been any resistance to BEN DAVIS. There was a willingness and anxiousness on my part that BEN participate because without him the Party cannot unite the Negro comrades in New York

particularly those in Harlem, and involve them in Party mass work. There is no basis for the position of BEN DAVIS. He can be part of the Negro leadership in NY to the fullest extent that he is ready. DAVIS is a member of the State Committee and as such can participate to a greater extent than he has.

As to myself as Chairman, I can lead the Party in NY and believe I could give leadership in the Trade Union field as head of a Trade Union Commission or as an active participant on it.

It is necessary for PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON), for this immediate period, to remain in the NYD. He has a very positive and important role to play in NY.

BETTY (GANNETT), as for as her ability is concerned, she is most qualified from the viewpoint of experience and ability to do the job. Difficulty arises from problem of her subjectivity. If internal situation in district is overcome and we come out of the State Committee meeting with a united leadership on the basis of the Party line, that in itself will do away with 90% of the factors that have contributed toward subjectivity on her part.

CLARENCE HATHAWAY siad "he was willing to accept the proposals(of HALL) and try to unite this core if comrads ....."

GUS HALL felt the problem has been presented correctly and his proposals "lean backward in placing high hopes of confidence in the comrades." The proposals must be "seen as a compromise based on nigh hopes."

CALUDE LIGHTFOOT felt a "shifting of gears" was necessary to break up the factionalism..... He objected to placing PATTERSON as State Secretary because he is more valuable in Negro work throughout the country as a whole.

BEN DAVIS felt there was criticism of him by implication where he was not mentioned for State Secretary and he would like to have it said openly.

PATTERSON felt he could make a much better contribution in Negro work if he were not tied to NY State.

CLARENCE HATHAWAY

He indicated that previous conversations he has had with MILT (ROSEN), EVIE (WIENER), BILL (ALBERTSON), BETTY (GANNETT) and JIM (TORMEY) have convinced him that they are generally prepared to accept the NY Staff reorganization changes. HATHAWAY proposed that the reorganization plan be presented to the NY State Committee as representing the decision of NY State Board.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

He proposed that leading comrades do not accept nominations from the floor at the State Committee meeting.

HATHAWAY remarked that those eliminated from the State Staff will continue to be members of the State Committee

GUS HALL called for a vote on "the proposals as given", and inasmuch as only PATTERSON was heard to abstain, apparently the proposals were so carried.

On the question of postponing the National Committee meeting, HALL indicated that that is a possibility and will be decided by NEC members themselves in the near future.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT requested that both he and TED BASSETT be given a half hour at the next NEC: TED to analyze the election in the Negro communities and CLAUDE to report on the Negro Commission's evaluation plus plans for 1961.

GUS HALL said they were going to have to release PHIL BART for 30 days to work on organization in the Boston area. PHIL said he would leave December 7, 1960 in order to be there for the December 11th State Convention. (Bureau and Boston advised by airtel, 12/1/60).

Meeting adjourned 6:28 PM.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 12/21/60

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHIL BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly Summary 12/12-18/60)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

12/12/60

NY 1750_S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE, had told him that while he was up in Boston she had attended "The Worker" bazaar and had taken BETTY GANNETT and JIM TORMEY along with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN. The subject commented that the bazaar had made $5,000. which meant that "The Worker" would be able to pay back the National Office $2,000 which was owed. Subject then complained about the cost of keeping WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and that it had cost them $60.00 to take him down to the State Department to make out an application for passport. He said that it would be a great relief to Party funds when FOSTER leaves and that he has always been a problem.

Subject then went into a long tirade against BETTY GANNETT and said that she is going to have to get along with him or else get out of her job. He said that he has taken enough from her and that in the future he is going to "turn on the screws."

CONNIE BART cautioned him against "tangling" with BETTY and he retorted that he has been quiet too long and that the next time something happens between them he is not going to let it pass.

He continued that he is also going to do something about her husband, JIM TORMEY, and his private "Duchy". He said no one seems to be able to get into Brooklyn for anything except his wife, BETTY. He said there is too much factionalism in Brooklyn and he is going to do something about it. He said privately TORMEY has never agreed with the Party

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line and he is going to see that this is known. He said that right now BETTY is in trouble with BILL PATTERSON and she is going to be in a lot more trouble with others before long. He said that if she thinks ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN is going to shelter her, she is mistaken as ELIZABETH never let personal feeling get in the way of clear thought. She said that BETTY has a growing list of people she doesn't like which now includes MORRIS (CHILDS) and JIM (JACKSON).

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject contacted ISADORE WOFSY and made a date to meet the following day at the subject's office.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject related to his wife that he had taught at a CP school that day (National Training School at Briehl's Farm) and CONNIE asked how AGNES (WILLIS) is. The subject said that AGNES had been very good in his class and that he had been pleased with the schools arrangements. He said that six of the ten people at the school are Negro, two from San Francisco, one from Los Angeles, one from Cleveland and one from Detroit and AGNES. He said that it is a very diverse group and it ranges from people who have had a lot of Party experience to persons like AGNES who have very little.

NY 1749-S* advised that MARY KAUFMAN had contacted the subject and told him that she was going to be at the National Office the following day to see GUS HALL and that she would like to see the subject and possibly receive some money from him as she needed some cash to pay her rent. She also told the subject that she was having trouble getting WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S passport. The subject agreed to see her the following day and told her he would have some money for her.

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NY 2359-S* adivsed that the subject had been present that day at a meeting of the NEC, CPUSA, held at CP National Headquarters, NYC.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject commented to his wife that he saw that ROBERT KENNEDY had been

appointed Attorney General. He said this can really make it rough now with a headline hunter directing things. He said that KENNEDY is out to make a big name for himself and will not stop at anything.

Subject's wife asked him how many were at the NEC meeting that day and the subject said about 25 had attended. He said that he had made a remark in his talk that the fate of the Party is presently in the hands of the courts in the coming weeks. He said that some of those "schmoes" labeled this ridiculous and said the working class will decide the fate of the Party. He said isn't that a laugh?

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NY 2359-S* advised that the subject was present at a meeting of the NEC, CPUSA, of which session he was chairman, held at CP National Headquarters, NYC.

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the NY State CP organization. Subject stated that CLARENCE HATHAWAY is limited in what he can contribute because of his age and health. Actually, BETTY GANNETT is the "real operator" in the State organization. He said that MILT (ROSEN) is very good but is limited at this time because of his "cockiness". ROSEN will develop when he gets over this but it will be a struggle. He said that MORT SCHEER is the same way and these two are both working on Trade Union matters. He said this is one of the reasons the Party is weak there and needs a lot of work. He said in the meeting at the National Office next week they are going to discuss some of this and there should be some sharp exchanges. He said there are some weaknesses in Detroit which also have to be discussed and taken care of.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted DANNY RUBIN and asked him why he had not been able to make the NEC meeting the previous day and on that day. RUBIN said that he was sick with the intestinal virus and felt very bad about not being there as he had a lot to say and new people to talk to. He said that he was going to try to come in the following day and give his report. The subject told RUBIN that if he did not feel well that he would be better off staying home and that he, BART, was not going to be there as he is to go down to Philadelphia for the funeral of ED SOKOLOFF. He said he was going to try to get away early and make some of the meeting on Sunday, but he doubted if he would be able to as they did not expect to meet much past three o'clock.

Source advised that the subject contacted PEGGY DENNIS who told him that GENE was still in the hospital and would not be getting out until Wednesday or Thursday. She said that he is still in extreme pain and expectations are limited as to the relief he may receive from this latest treatment. Subject told PEGGY that the NEC meeting was going along very nicely, but that ELIZABETH FLYNN had not been able to make any of it because of a bad cold.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that he had arrived in Philadelphia that day for the SOKOLOFF funeral at 11:20. He said he had spoken briefly with some of the relatives and left shortly after the services.

NY 1749-S* advised that CONNIE BART had contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN who told her that she had a bad cold, but was looking forward to seeing the subject and CONNIE. CONNIE told FLYNN that she did not think that they would be able to get over that day as the subject was in Philadelphia. She said there was a possibility that the subject may stop by ELIZABETH'S residence before he came home. ELIZABETH complained that she was very lonesome for Moscow and all her friends there

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

GENE DENNIS
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 12/6/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 12/6/60, (PHIL BART) contacted (PEGGY DENNIS)..PEGGY told him that (GENE) is not too good..the good effects of the last treatment have worn off..it's extremely painful..he may have to go into the hospital for 2 days for additional treatment... PHIL asked if PEGGY can come down on Thursday as she usually does, or does she want "things" sent up. PEGGY feels she can still come down.. PHIL said he is leaving town tomorrow..going to New England for a few days..will be back Monday..will see her then..told PEGGY that they are expecting FLYNN back..they received a cable saying she'll be back Tuesday..called all the passenger lines, but none had her name..said that BILL (FOSTER) is leaving a week from Sunday..ESTHER is not travelling with him..she'll go over in a few months..with SYLVIA..the doctor and his son-in-law are going with him..the doctor will turn him over to the other doctors..the son-in-law will stay there..PEGGY will try to arrange to have GENE speak to him before he goes.

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1-NY (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1-NY (100-9365) (BILL FOSTER) (415)
1-NY (100-47636) (SYLVIA KOLKO) (421)
1-NY (100-94823) (ESTHER FOSTER)
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On November 22, 1960, CS CG 6026-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of documents in the possession of FLO HALL. The negatives for these photographs are filed in 100-12459-1A.

Enclosed herewith for your information is a photograph of a document entitled "Some New Aspects for Party Organization" which reflected that this document was composed of motions adopted by the National Executive Committee on September 29, 1960. This document stated that the NEC heard a report by PHIL BART dealing with new aspects in Party organization. It stated that consideration was given to problems that affected the relationship between the club and the highest committees of the Party. The document continued that under the present apparatus there are unnecessary duplication of committees, departments, and commissions at many levels. It said the Party must be so organized that it can have the closest ties between the national and state bodies and the clubs. The document further stated that the report dealt with problems of the shop clubs and stressed the need of greater attentions to this question by the leading committees of the Party. This document also discussed the possibility of eliminating industrial clubs and that membership in these clubs should be assigned to community clubs. The document stated that in considering these objectives the NEC adopted a number of motions as guidance to the Party organization.

The above mentioned photograph is being forwarded for your information.

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(1) - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
3 - Chicago
(1 - [redacted] (CS CG 6026-S*)
(1 - 100-12459) (FLO HALL)

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On November 22, 1960, CS CG 6026-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished photographs of documents in the possession of FLO HALL.

The negatives for these photographs are filed in Chicago file 100-12459-1A.

Included in these documents was a letter dated October 4, 1960, signed by PHIL BART and addressed to the Illinois District. This letter advised that a tour on youth work was being made and the comrade would be in the district shortly. The letter stated that the National Office was defraying the larger part of the expenses, however requested that each district contribute a certain amount toward these expenses. The letter requested that the Illinois District pay the National representative $50.

A photograph of this document is enclosed herewith for your information.

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(4) - New York (RM)(Encl. 1)
(1 - 100-128255)(DAN RUBIN)
(1) - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)
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On November 22, 1960, CS CG 6026-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided photographs of documents that were in the possession of FLO HALL. [redacted] has identified FLO HALL as Organizational Secretary of the CP of Illinois.

The negatives for these photographs are filed in Chicago file 100-12459-1A.

Included in these documents was a letter dated November 4, 1960, addressed to HALL and signed "PHIL". A photograph of this letter is enclosed herewith for your information.

The letter stated that a discussion had been held regarding the next meeting of the National Committee and two points were discussed. The first point was a program of action for 1961 and the second was the matter of reaching their membership and friends with the decisions of the National Committee meeting. The letter further stated that a number of questions should be discussed, including the following: b7D

1) The mass political outlook of the Party and an indication of the forms it would find in connection with the next session of Congress and the new administration.

2) The concentration policy for their Party which includes Negro, Puerto Rican, and Mexican communities in relation to their mass work.

3) A party of the poor.

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The letter stated there would be a second group of points to be discussed including the Communist Party Club and its importance in the political life and activity of the Party and also the growth of the Marxist press.

The letter requested that a reply be sent in order that the opinion of the addressee could be helpful in carrying through a plan for this meeting.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG

SUBJECT: Gus Hall
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BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
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WEEKLY SUMMARY - CINAL
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The following is a summary of DAVIS' activities for the period 12/12/60 through 12/18/60.

12/12/60

NY 2031-S* reported that, due to the weather, DAVIS stayed home. During the day, he told his wife, NINA, that GENE DENNIS "really looks bad, he is going downhill fast." He said the trouble with the whole Party is that everyone is getting old and are "too willing" to sit around and talk about old times. DAVIS complained that no one has any drive or aggressiveness. He said the Party is just about broke and relys on old members for contributions.

DAVIS later said that the possible selection of (DOUGLAS) DILLON as Secretary of the Treasury makes him laugh. All during the campaign, KENNEDY admitted the prestige and economic position of the U.S. was at its lowest and now he is sticking with a guy who will run economic matters in the same stupid, capitalistic manner as EISENHOWER and big business did for the past 8 years. He added that if KENNEDY lets big business and a Republican like DILLON handle things, the U.S. will go bankrupt and there won't be any NATO or cold war any more.

DAVIS later stated that the Algerian situation is just another example of western imperialism in action. Imagine, the Moslems who have lived there all their lives are being shot and killed just because they want to be free. It's an outrage, yet the UN has not done a thing about it.

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DAVIS said the FBI will not act because it is controlled by the J.J. and the other capitalist imperialists, adding that KHRUSHCHEV really showed them what he thought of the U.S. when he walked out on them. "He is a great man who won't be bluffed."

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NY 2031-S* reported MINA asked BEN what was the matter with him. She said BEN is not happy at the office nor at home. "I think you are frustrated because you are no longer treated as a hero, nobody makes a fuss over you anymore."

DAVIS replied MINA does not understand his problems. He said he is working for humanity, but he does not receive any help from downtown (CP), just opposition to any constructive thing he does. He said that as far as he is concerned, GUS HALL is a complete failure, "a big boob who can be led around by the nose." DAVIS said (BILL) FOSTER realized he made a mistake by supporting HALL for the leadership.

MINA asked that if BEN feels this way, why does he stay with the Party. He replied that he hopes that by perseverance he will get the cooperation of the leadership to attain his goal.

NY 2031-S* further related that due to the snow storm, the DAVIS' were without heat in their apartment.

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NY 2031-S* reported the DAVISES continued without heat. BEN said he intended to call the Department of Health and register a complaint. He added that, "if I was on the City Council, things would be different."

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NY 2031-S* related MINA and BEN argued over [redacted] having a cold. BEN told MINA that she cares more about her school than [redacted] that she is a selfish stupid woman; and that "even a dog has more maternal instincts" than MINA.

NINA replied that BEN should go see the doctor as he is going crazy and makes no sense. She said she would not put up with such crazy talk after she begins teaching.

NY 2031-S* further reported NINA told BEN that he does not seem to realize that they will need more money as [redacted] gets older and needs better clothes and an education.

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BEN replied that all NINA thinks of is money and material things. "I'm more interested in what [redacted] thinks than what she wears. I want her to realize the corruption in this damned capitalistic system and appreciate what I am fighting for. Not just interested in money and clothes, that is the lousy decay they put in kids minds in this antiquated school system we have."

BEN stated that, "I could be a big man in Harlem politics if I would go along with the so-called politicans and ward heelers, but I got my pride and ideals even though that bunch downtown are just lying around doing nothing all the time. We can always get along."

NY 2359-S* reported on 12/14/60, DAVIS had been in attendance at a meeting of the Secretariat, CPUSA, and invited guests held on that date at CP headquarters, NYC. This meeting discussed the proposed agenda for the NEC meeting scheduled for 12/17-18/60, and the cabinet selections of President-Elect KENNEDY.

DAVIS was critical of President - Elect KENNEDY for his failure to appoint a Negro to a post connected with African affairs. He commented with respect to the appointment of Congressman DAWSON as Postmaster General, "Dawson is just going to be an Uncle Tom Postmaster." He expressed concern over the possible appointment of (DOUGLAS) DILLON as Secretary of the Treasury, stating that, in addition to his undesirable economic policy, DILLON is viciously anti-Soviet. According to DAVIS, the appointment of this cabinet shows that big monopoly capital is non-partisan and for this reason, the Party must work for a third party in this country and independent political action.

Details of the above meeting were furnished to the Bureau by airtel and letterhead memorandum, 12/19/60, under the caption, "CPUSA - ORGANIZATION; IS-C."

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NY 2031-S* reported DAVIS stated he was not feeling well, but would go to the office that day anyway. MINA suggested BELL spend a little time with his family during the holidays.

BELL retorted that MINA is always thinking about herself and the small things in life. He said he has a responsible position in the movement and intends to do as he pleases regardless of Christmas or any of MINA's holidays.

NY 2031-S* further related DAVIS complained of being tired. MINA suggested that the Party supply BELL with a car to use. BELL replied the Party does not have a car fit to drive.

MINA then asked how things were going at the office. BELL replied that he thought things would be coming to a head soon and there will be a "showdown." He said it is awful what the leadership has come to, "between dictatorial GUS HALL and weak slobbering FRED BART."

NY 2302-S* reported on 12/16/60, DAVIS had been in attendance at a meeting of the NEC, CPUSA, held on that date at CP headquarters, NYC.

The agenda for this meeting included:

1. Discussion on the Manifesto of the World Conference of CP's.

2. Elections and opening of Congress and the tasks ahead.

3. Report on the decisions of the Trade Union Conference.

4. Informational report on the ALEXANDER BITTELMAN case, developments in the New England and NY districts.

DAVIS spoke favorably of GUS HALL's report (re Manifesto) and said the Manifesto highlights the unity of the International Marxist Movement.

NY 2362-S* reported on 12/17/60, DAVIS, at that day's session of the NEC meeting, reported on the National election, describing it as a set back for the EISENHOWER policies and said the closeness of the popular vote denied a mandate to President-Elect KENNEDY. He said the Negro people played a decisive role in the Presidential elections and Senator KENNEDY would not have been elected without the Negro vote.

DAVIS described the appointments of ADLAI STEVENSON, G. MENNEN WILLIAMS and CHESTER BOWLES as persons with a "new direction." The appointments of ORVILLE FREEMAN, ABRAHAM RIBICOFF and the offer of appointment to Congressman WILLIAM DAWSON shows that the new administration will be responsive to the people's wishes, however, the actions of the administration on legislation and issues will be decisive in weighing its merits. He criticized the appointments of DEAN RUSK, ROBERT MC NAMARA and DOUGLAS DILLON and thought that THURGOOD MARSHALL would make a better Attorney-General than ROBERT KENNEDY.

NY 2359-S* reported on 12/16/60, DAVIS, at that day's session of the NEC meeting, continued his report on political action and electoral policies of the CPUSA.

DAVIS said some of the formulations in the original electoral policy statement were clumsy, but did not affect the basic line of the CP. The CP did help to clarify the issue, but during each election, the confusion gets greater because the gap is narrowing between the two major political parties. The U-2 incident was a serious setback to the Republican Administration as millions of responsible people who support the cold war were appalled and embarrassed by it. Only the good sense and responsibility shown by KHRUSHCHEV and Russia prevented a war.

DAVIS commented favorably on President-Elect KENNEDY's cabinet, noting it contains liberals. He said KENNEDY is stupid and immature to have appointed his brother to the cabinet. DAVIS asked rhetorically, "What is he doing, trying to make a clan out of the G.. D... government?"

DAVIS stated that the CP will have an opportunity to run a strong candidate in Harlem in 1962, as ADAM CLAYTON POWELL has said he will not seek re-election. DAVIS suggested that if he were working full time in Harlem, he would be in favor of running for Congress in 1962, with the help of well known liberals.

DAVIS later reported on the New England District factional situation. He said HOMER BATES CHASE had rejected the CPUSA line on the elections by saying the Party should boycott both presidential candidates. CHASE also violated Party policy in other ways, therefore, it was found necessary to suspend him from his position as District organizer. At a special convention at which a new District Committee was elected, CHASE and his followers were defeated.

Details of the above meeting of the NEC were furnished to the Bureau by teletype summaries, 12/16-18/60, under the caption, "CPUSA - ORGANIZATION; IS-C."

NY 2031-S* reported on 12/17/60, DAVIS, in commenting on the plane crash in Brooklyn, stated that if the crash had occurred in a wealthy neighborhood, they would have had thousands of police and firemen working all night, but because it was in a poor section, they stopped work at night trying to identify the dead.

NY 2031-S* further reported on 12/17/60, upon returning home from the NEC meeting, DAVIS said it was the same thing - we just sat and argued and glared at each other.

NY 2031-S* reported on 12/18/60, DAVIS in commenting on the ½ million dollars given to the school board in Louisiana by a St. Louis woman, said this is wonderful. It is a part of the great awakening going on throughout the country. He said that integration is just a matter of time, "but what is the Party doing during this great awakening of the masses? I'll tell you - we sit on our a...s downtown, glare at each other and figure out who we don't agree with."

NY 2031-S* further reported on 12/18/60, DAVIS told NINA that he had given his report at that day's session of the NEC meeting relative to the New England District and had explained the reasons for suspending HOMER BATES CHASE.

In speaking of suspending members, DAVIS said you have to maintain some discipline or we will lose everybody. "I admit with Gus Hall's leadership it makes it hard to sit back and accept things, but we have to have some Party unity on the Party line." He said that once the decision was made on the election candidates, everyone had to get behind the decision.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-427536) Date: 12/20/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-133884)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS
IS-C

ReBulets 2/6/59, 7/2/59, and 12/30/59.

Set forth is a composite intelligence summary concerning members of the National Committee, CP, USA (NC) prepared in accordance with instructions contained in relets. Part I contains a listing of NC members in alphabetical order together with information as to (1) factional adherence, (2) district or section which the member represents, (3) ideological and/or organization interests and (4) special interest in any phase of Party work.

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1 - New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)

Part II briefly outlines factional struggles and/or indications of factionalism in the various CP districts which either directly or indirectly involve the NC member(s) in the district.

Part III is a miscellaneous listing of certain background habits, health, and personal factors which might possibly be considered in counterintelligence matters.

It should be noted that portions of the information set forth below have been furnished by highly placed informants and caution should be exercised in the dissemination of any of this material to insure the protection of these sources.

## PART I

### ALBERTSON, WILLIAM

ALBERTSON represents the New York District on the NC. He has been released from his position as Organizational Secretary of the New York District for reassignment by the National Committee (NC) of the CP, USA.

It is noted that GUS HALL in the past has recommended that ALBERTSON remain in the leadership as a part time trade union leader or possibly in defense work.

### APTHEKER, HERBERT

APTHEKER is an at large member of the NC and Director of the New York School for Marxist Studies, 853 Broadway, New York City.

On 11/5/60, he flew to Europe where he was to deliver lectures at unidentified schools and universities in Berlin, Budapest, and Warsaw.

BART, PHILIP

BART is an at large member of the NC and continues to hold the title of National Organization Secretary.

He continues to be most active in the day to day operations at the National Office. He recently attended the New England CP District Convention for the purpose of resolving the action to be taken in the case of HOMER BATES CHASE.

BERT, ERIK

BERT is an at large member of the NC and continues to be active in the operation of "The Worker".

BERT as a representative of "the Worker", attended a "Worker" Forum held in Chicago on 11/12/60. BERT takes little or no part in local CP matters and does not involve himself in factional disputes. He regularly attends NC meetings and is frequently in attendance at meetings of the NC and Secretariat as an invited guest.

BLAIR, FRED

BLAIR represents the Wisconsin District on the NC and continues as Chairman of the Wisconsin District of the CP. In addition, he continues to operate Marys Book Shop in Milwaukee.

BLUM, EMANUEL

BLUM represents the Indiana District on the NC and is Chairman of the Indiana Party.

At a National meeting of CP leaders in New York City, which discussed the CP, Soviet Union - CP of China ideological dispute, BLUM indicated his agreement with the stand of the National Leadership in support of the position of the Soviet Union. It has been learned, however, that at a later date, BLUM indicated that he was in disagreement with the Soviet Union position, and favored the position of China on the question of peaceful co-existence.

CHAKA, EDWARD

CHAKA represents the Ohio District on the NC and is a member of the State Board of the Ohio CP.

At a meeting of the State Committee of the Ohio CP held in September, 1960, CHAKA spoke on the dispute between the Soviet Union and Red China. At that time he said it would be foolish to think there will be a major split or quarrel between the two Communist powers.

CHASE, HOMER BATES

CHASE represents the New England District on the NC. He has been outspoken in opposition to the policy of the National Leadership of the CP, USA.

On 12/11/60, the District Convention of the New England CP was held on the recommendation of the NEC for the purpose of eliminating CHASE from his position of leadership in the New England District because of his opposition to Party policy. At this convention, an election

was held to establish a new ten member district committee. It will be the responsibility of this committee to name a new district organizer to take over the duties of CHASE. CHASE will continue in the Party but only as a rank and file member.

CHILDS, MORRIS

CHILDS represents the Missouri-Kansas District on the NC. He was elected to the NC at the 17th National Convention under the name C. MARTIN.

CHILDS is presently on an extended trip abroad.

COLON, JESUS

COLON is an at large member of the NC.

He continues to write a regular weekly column for "The Worker".

Since his return from Cuba, COLON has made several speeches before CP groups in the New York City area on Cuba and Latin America. In October, 1960, he conducted a class on the Cuban Revolution at the New York City School for Marxist Studies.

CRENOVICH, MICHAEL AARON

CRENOVICH is an at large member of the NC representing the New York District.

DAVIS, BENJAMIN J., JR.

DAVIS is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of CP, USA National Secretary and Chairman of the CP National Negro Commission. He has, from time to time, criticized the CP Leadership generally and GUS HALL in particular.

On 12/11/60, he attended the New England District Convention and accused HOMER CHASE of creating factionalism in the Party. DAVIS, together with PHIL BART, represented the position of NEC for elimination of CHASE from the position of leadership in the district.

DAVIS, SAMUEL KRASS

DAVIS represents the Minnesota-Dakota District on the NC and is the Secretary of that district. In his position he exerts absolute control over the Party activity within the district. During September and October, 1960, DAVIS concerned himself mainly with the ever present problem of fund raising for the CP, and also attempted to inject the CP into the national political campaigns.

At the September District Committee meeting, it was revealed that somewhat bitter feelings between DAVIS and CLARENCE SHARP, District Chairman, brought about by SHARPs removal from the Party payroll have been smoothed over and that SHARP has accepted DAVIS' and the local CP decision that DAVIS continue to be the districts only paid functionary.

At a meeting of the NEC held in September, 1960, DAVIS took credit for the establishment of a new Negro Voters League in the twin cities; indicated that the CP was responsible for a primary election victory in the Congressional race in Minnesota; and bragged about the extensive contacts of the CP within the NAACP in Minnesota.

These statements of DAVIS, which were far removed from the truth, once again demonstrated DAVIS' tact of taking credit for any and all events, political or otherwise, which happen in the Minnesota-Dakota District, and which appear to be or could be favorable to the CP.

DAVIS was visited in Minneapolis by GUS HALL during November, 1960, and there has been no indication during the past two months that DAVIS is any less ardent in his complete support of GUS HALL in the policies of the National Committee. DAVIS continues to spend some of his time at "The Worker" book store in the CP Office in downtown Minneapolis and continues to take periodic trips to Northern Minnesota and the Duluth-Iron Range area in particular, on CP work.

DENNIS, EUGENE

DENNIS is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of Chairman of the CP, USA. He is suffering incurable cancer which has grown steadily worse, necessitating his readmittance to the hospital.

It is noted that in spite of DENNIS' pain, he has indicated a desire to have CP leaders visit him at his apartment. It is noted that during the last month or so, most of the top leadership of the CP, USA have been to the DENNIS apartment.

DENNIS, THOMAS DE WITT, JR.

DENNIS is a member of the NC representing the Michigan District. In addition, he was elected Secretary of that district.

DENNIS continues without regular outside employment while actively participating in local and national CP activities. He reportedly has refused to work full time for the CP because of his wife's objections. As a result of this, local CP leaders have complained of the lack of leadership existing in the Michigan District, and the failure of the National Office to resolve this problem.

DOBBS, BEN

DOBBS represents the Southern California District of the CP on the NC and holds the position of Executive Secretary of that district.

He continues to be the "legman" for DOROTHY HEALY, Chairman of the district. His main interests are centered around functions of the district, and the welfare of the "Peoples World", the West coast Communist newspaper.

DOBBS friendliness towards his Negro comrades has been questioned and recent controversy in the district concerning white chauvinism has not helped DOBBS popularity with the Negro comrades.

FLYNN, ELIZABETH GURLEY

FLYNN is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of Vice Chairman of the CP, USA.

FLYNN recently returned from an extended trip abroad, during which time she attended the November Conference in Moscow of Secretaries of all the CPs of the world as a delegate of the CP, USA. There have been indications that by reason of her trip and contacts she has made, she is

to be accorded deep respect by members of the CP, USA. There are indications that she will take a more active part in the top leadership of the CP, USA.

FRIEDLANDER, MIRIAM

FRIEDLANDER is a member of the NC representing the New York District. In the reorganization of the New York State CP, it was decided that FRIEDLANDER would be dropped from the State Payroll as a full time employee but would retain her position as Bronx County Organizer.

GERSON, SIMON W.

GERSON is an at large member of the NC. He continues to be active in his employment with Afton Tours, and was recommended as a member of a committee to arrange a four to five months tour of the US for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN upon her return from Russia. He is relatively inactive with regard to local and national CP affairs.

GREEN, JACOB

GREEN is a member of the NC representing the Maryland District.

HAALAND, NORMAN

HAALAND is a member of the NC representing the Oregon District. He continues to devote his full time as Oregon State CP Chairman, a non-salaried position due to the lack of finances in that district.

In September, 1960, HAALAND indicated that he recently received a document from the National Office which concerned certain Party policy. He stated that he

disagreed with most of it, although he acknowledged that some of the material was good. He stated that he had written a long letter to the National Office concerning the matter and asked that its policy be reviewed. HAALAND complained that he was completely ignored in this instance as he has been on other matters. He stated that it was his belief that there are not as many Party members as the National Office would seem to indicate and that he believed that very little recruiting was actually being done. HAALAND has remarked that he was afraid that he would be accused of factionalism because of said statements.

HALL, FLORA

HALL is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District. During October, 1960, HALL and JIM WEST engaged in a heated discussion over trade union matters. She indicated that she was going to New York City for a trade union conference and that the question of a trade union commission would be discussed. She favored such a commission, however, WEST vehemently opposed such a commission. HALL assured WEST that in her discussion at the National Conference she would apprise the National Leadership of the difference of opinion that exists in the Illinois District over this question of a trade union commission.

It has been learned that HALL has stated that she is not going to work with WEST any longer.

HALL, GUS

HALL is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of General Secretary of the CP, USA.

HALL continues to be most active in all phases of CP activity on a national level and also on a district level as regards to reorganization of the New York District.

HATHAWAY, CLARENCE

HATHAWAY is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of Chairman of the New York District.

He has, with the backing of GUS HALL, been engaged in the reorganization of the New York State CP. This reorganization has been affected in spite of some opposition from the state leaders.

HEALEY, DOROTHY

HEALEY is a member of the NC representing the Southern California District of the CP and in addition, holds the position of Chairman of that district.

HEALEY continues to vacilate on Party issues and to challenge the National Leadership whenever possible. She continues her feud locally with WILLIAM C. TAYLOR, who leads a Negro faction.

HEALEY is scheduled for an operation which will require a months recuperation. She divorced her husband, PHIL CONNOLLY, during August, 1960, and had the name HEALEY restored by the court.

JACKSON, JAMES E.

JACKSON is an at large member of the NC and in addition is editor of "The Worker", and National Secretary for the South.

JACKSON departed the United States on 10/21/60 en route to Moscow where he was to function as Secretary to the US Delegation to the International Conference of Party Secretaries. JACKSON has not returned to date, and reportedly has been in poor health while abroad.

JOHNSON, ARNOLD

JOHNSON is an at large member of the NC. In the reorganization of the New York State CP he was removed from the position of Vice Chairman of the New York District and released for reassignment by the National Committee of the CP, USA.

It is noted that GUS HALL in the past has recommended that they bring JOHNSON back to the National Office and assign him to the peace question.

KRCHMAREK, ANTHONY

KRCHMAREK is a member of the NC representing the Ohio District. In addition, KRCHMAREK holds the position of State Chairman of the Ohio CP. KRCHMAREK continues to be active in local and national CP affairs with particular stress on the Party's strategy in industry.

KUSHNER, SAM

KUSHNER is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District. In addition, he is mid-West editor of "The Worker" and as such, covered the Machinist Union Convention in St. Louis in November, 1960.

LIGHTFOOT, CLAUDE

LIGHTFOOT is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District and holds the position of Vice Chairman of the CP, USA.

Criticism on a local level has been leveled at LIGHTFOOT for his handling of the Chicago League of Negro Voters in which two CP members actively supported

NIXON and campaigned for him in the 1960 National Elections. Two other members of the CP in this organization actively supported KENNEDY in this election. It was learned that LIGHTFOOT was extremely concerned over this situation and felt that it would have an adverse effect on his prestige nationally in the CP, USA.

LIGHTFOOT, GERALDYNE

LIGHTFOOT is an at large member of the NC.

After returning from her trip to Moscow in August, 1960, LIGHTFOOT has not returned to CP Headquarters in Chicago to resume her work as Press Director.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, her husband, stated that he had urged his wife to discuss Negro work with the leadership of the Illinois District but that GERALDYNE replied in an effect that such discussion was useless, that they did not understand her. LIGHTFOOT indicated that he was worried about his wife as she is not working Party wise and is involved "up to her neck" as a social action director of a church in Chicago.

LIMA, ALBERT "MICKEY"

LIMA is a member of the NC representing the Northern California District.

LIMA left the United States on 11/1/60 for Paris. He planned to obtain a visa at the Soviet Embassy in Paris for a visit to Russia to attend the conference of the secretaries of all the CPs of the world. From Paris he proceeded to Moscow and latest information available reveals he plans to be there at least until after Christmas, 1960. He asked his wife and children to leave Oakland,

California, their home, and proceed to Moscow at the earliest opportunity. His wife's original reaction to this request was that he had lost his sense of reason and that she had no intention of severing her contacts there and going to Russia.

LUMER, HYMAN

LUMER is an at large member of the NC and holds the title of National Education Secretary.

LUMER has been active in the organization of a CP training school set up at Briehl's Farm.

MC ADORY, MILDRED (EDELMAN)

MC ADORY is an at large member of the NC and a member of the Harlem Regional Committee of the CP.

MC ADORY attended the CP National Negro Commission meeting in October, 1960. At this meeting it was decided that BEN DAVIS and WILLIAM PATTERSON would meet with MC ADORY in an attempt to strengthen the Party's position in Harlem.

It is noted that MC ADORY's petition to qualify her as a candidate in the 13th Assembly District in Harlem was thrown out by the Board of Elections.

MEYERS, GEORGE

MEYERS is an at large member of the NC and was given the assignment of contacting people in various Southern states for the Party. It would appear that MEYERS is assuming much of the duties of

JAMES JACKSON, National Secretary for the South.

MITCHELL, CHARLENE

MITCHELL is a member of the NC representing the Southern California District of the CP. In addition, she holds a position on the Executive Board of that district but has no definite title. She has been removed of the responsibility in youth work, however, it was noted that recently when MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN, National Youth Leader for the CP, USA, visited Los Angeles he spent a considerable time in conference with MITCHELL.

Since MITCHELL's recent return from the Soviet Union she has not been very active in district affairs. She is still in poor health. There have been recent rumors of a marital conflict between CHARLENE and her husband WILLIAM.

NABRIED, THOMAS

NABRIED is a member of the NC representing the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District. He continues to hold the title of District Chairman and is the only full time employee of the district.

The CP Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware District remains hard-pressed for funds and NABRIED's salary is about two months in arrears.

NABRIED has allowed FRANCES GABOW to assume an increasingly important part in the work of the District Leadership, and this has caused a number of problems. GABOW is personally disliked for her dictorial manner.

NELSON, BURT GALE

NELSON represents the Northwest District on the NC. In addition, he holds the position of Chairman of that district.

NELSON's wife has been exerting extreme pressure on NELSON to obtain outside employment so that she can stop working. She feels it is the responsibility of NELSON to provide the financial support for the household.

In October, 1960, the State Board met in Seattle, Washington, to discuss the return of NELSON to full time employment as a longshoreman. HELLEN NELSON was invited to present her side and she attacked the board for not having done a thing about her resolution on Woman's Matters which she presented at the District Convention in 1959. She stated that she was tired and claimed that she herself was not a revolutionary in the true sense. According to her, her position was that her husband, as head of the family, should provide for the family and that the CP should provide an office for its leaders. She said that she would no longer tolerate any more "coffee breaks" around her home for the leadership.

After much debate, the board voted to permit NELSON to return to long-shore employment although some members felt that the district leader should be a full time employee.

NELSON himself has visions of reviving the lost influence which the CP once had along the Seattle waterfront. His private reason for going back to the ILWU is so that he can eventually be eligible for certain

retirement rights of the longshore members.

It is expected that NELSON's return to the waterfront will actually conflict with his leadership duties in the CP and the burden of leadership will fall elsewhere, probably on the shoulders of MILFORD SUTHERLAND, District Organizational Secretary.

O'DELL, HUNTER PITTS

O'DELL is a member of the NC representing the South. He was elected at the National Convention under the name CORNELIUS JAMES. O'DELL's activities are currently unknown, however, it has been reported that he is attending an insurance school.

PATTERSON, WILLIAM L.

PATTERSON is an at large member of the NC. The results of the reorganization of the New York State CP indicated that PATTERSON will retain his position as Vice Chairman of the New York District and will be retained as full time employee, one of those constituting the Staff of the New York District.

PATTERSON continues to be active in the field of Negro work of the Party. In October, 1960, he was in attendance at the CP, USA Negro Commission meeting and delivered a report on his recent trip abroad.

PERRY PETTIS

PERRY is an at large member of the NC.

PERRY continues to be confined as a tubercular patient at the Olive View Sanitorium, Olive View, California.

POTASH, IRVING

POTASH is an at large member of the NC and holds the position of Labor Secretary of the CP, USA.

He has recently made trips to Youngstown, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore, Maryland, during which he outlined the Party's position on such topics as the Negro American Labor Council.

POTASH's status with INS remains unchanged, and he continues under order of supervision awaiting deportation.

PROCTOR, ROSCOE

PROCTOR is a member of the NC representing the Northern California District. In addition, he is Chairman of the Negro Commission for that district. His interest in working for improvement of conditions for his race exceeds his interest in the CP program. PROCTOR has been relatively inactive with regard to the Party program during recent months.

QUEEN, DANIEL

QUEEN is an at large member of the NC who has acted as Chairman of the Youth Commission of the Illinois CP. He has been made responsible for the contact of CP members in the mid-West area to insure their attendance at a . . conference to be held in Chicago, which conference is to organize a committee to make plans for the establishment of a National Marxist Youth Organization.

RICHMOND, AL

RICHMOND is an at large member of the NC. He continues to serve as Executive Editor of "Peoples World".

ROBESON, PAUL, JR.

ROBESON is a member of the NC representing the New York District.

He has been in disfavor with the National Leadership in view of his failure to support the CP line on election policy and the peace resolution. ROBESON has been referred to as a "Negro nationalist".

On 12/4/60, a meeting of the New York District CP Committee was held to consider reorganization of the District Leadership. At this meeting a dispute arose instigated by ROBESON when he demanded that the election of the new staff be by secret ballot.

Information has been received that ROBESON has an invitation to visit Cuba during the time his father will be in that country. It is noted that PAUL ROBESON Sr. is completing a concert tour in Australia and was scheduled to return to London, England, on December 6, 1960. Following this he is to appear in Cuba.

ROSENBLUTH, NAT

ROSENBLUTH is a member of the NC representing the New York District. ROSENBLUTH has been inactive with regard to CP matters.

RUBIN, MORTIMER DANIEL

RUBIN is an at large member of the NC representing youth, and holds the position of CPUSA National Youth Secretary.

RUBIN has recently returned to New York after an extensive trip throughout the country relating to CP youth work. Just prior to his return to New York City, he attended a pre-conference held in Chicago, the purpose of which was to prepare for a conference to organize a committee to make plans for the establishment of a National Marxist Youth Organization.

He is currently engaged in preparing the next edition of "New Horizons".

STACHEL, JACOB

STACHEL is an at large member of the NC. He regularly attends enlarged meetings of the CP, USA Secretariat. In addition, he has been active in regard to the National Groups Commission, and writes articles for "The Worker".

It is noted that in October, 1960, STACHEL indicated a concern of the CP Leadership with regard to Supreme Court decisions pending against CP members. STACHEL indicated that the Party must prepare for probable adverse decisions indicating that the leadership might set up a nucleus for an underground organization.

STANFORD, JOHN

STANFORD is a member of the NC representing the South. He continues as the main CP leader in San Antonio, and is attempting to reorganize the CP in this area.

In September, 1960, STANFORD commented that he had contacted interested persons so that a Marxist Discussion Group could now be formed. It is noted that such a group held a meeting on 9/23/60 at which STANFORD was present and spoke. He suggested at that time that the group begin studying the philosophy of KARL MARX. He commented that one of the first subjects would be , on dialectical materialism.

STANFORD has indicated that he believes the Party has been standing still too long; that there is a need for organization everywhere in the state, and that it is his intention to become more "daring".

STANFORD was in attendance at a meeting of a Marxist Discussion Group in San Antonio on 10/21/60, and engaged in a lengthy discussion on the subject of dialectical materialism.

TOOHEY, PATRICK

TOOHEY is a member of the NC representing the New Jersey District.

TOOHEY is presently attempting to develop the functioning leadership within the New Jersey CP and in promulgating programs therein to raise funds, to increase membership, and to affect Party registration in the state.

TORMEY, BETTY GANNETT

TORMEY is a member of the NC representing the New York District.

In the reorganization of the New York State CP, it was decided that BETTY GANNETTwas one of those

to be retained as a full time employee, and would hold a position on the New York District Staff, in all probability as Educational Director of the New York District.

TORMEY, JAMES

TORMEY is a member of the NC representing the New York District. In the reorganization of the New York State CP, it was decided that TORMEY would be retained as Kings County CP Organizer, however, he would be dropped from the State Payroll as a full time employee.

WEINSTOCK, LOUIS

WEINSTOCK is a member of the NC representing the New York District and General Manager of "The Worker".

WEINSTOCK has made visits to various cities in the United States in connection with "The Worker" fund drive. In addition, he has given reports on trade union conditions in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and East Germany, since his return from abroad.

WEST, JAMES

WEST is a member of the NC representing the Illinois District.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT has indicated that he is opposed to the idea of WEST being responsible for any specific clubs in the Illinois District as his duties as Executive Secretary necessitate his being concerned with the overall organization in the district.

It is apparent that the dispute between WEST and FLO HALL continues and that HALL is now approaching her work as Organizational Secretary on her own without regard to any opinions of WEST.

In October, 1960, WEST had a cardiograph taken and his doctor diagnosed his problem as an acute spasm of the esophogus brought about by extreme fatigue and tension.

WHEELER, JUANITA

WHEELER is a member of the NC representing the Northern California District. She is employed as Circulation Manager of the "Peoples World" newspaper. In addition, she is chairman of the San Francisco County Negro Commission. Her "mass work assignment" concerns work with the NAACP in which she serves as Chairman of the local Boycott Committee.

WINTER, CARL

WINTER is a member of the NC representing the Michigan District. In addition, he holds the position of Chairman of the Michigan District; Chairman of the mid-West Region, CP, USA, and a member of the NEC. He devotes his full time to CP activity.

Of recent date, his activities have been somewhat curtailed due to a hemorrhoid operation, a bladder infection, and inability to focus his eyes.

WINTER, HELEN ALLISON

WINTER is a member of the NC as well as a member of the Michigan State Committee.

It has been necessary from time to time for HELEN WINTER to seek part time employment because of financial problems in the family. She recently obtained employment in the office of a firm in Detroit, but was forced to leave because of adverse publicity in connection with her CP affiliation.

HELEN WINTER departed the United States en route to Moscow where she was scheduled to attend a conference of the secretaries of all the CPs in the world.

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It is noted that EMANUEL BLUM at one meeting stated that he was in agreement with the stand of the National Leadership supporting the CP of the Soviet Union in their dispute with the CP of China, whereas he has later indicated that he favored the stand of the CP of China.

HOMER BATES CHASE has indicated disagreement with the policy of the National leaders of the CP, USA. He was advised that he must carry out a majority policy in New England or be removed from office. CHASE refused to do this and said that the National leaders of the CP, USA had no power to remove him as Chairman of that district. He was subsequently suspended from leadership in the district pending a review of his case. At a New England District Convention held December 11, 1960, attended by PHIL BART and BEN DAVIS, CHASE was accused of creating factionalism in the Party. The National leaders indicated that it would be necessary for the district to elect a new leadership and to fight for unity on the correct Party line. The convention delegates then elected a new district committee which will have the responsibility of naming a new district organizer to take over the duties of CHASE.

The disputes between FLO HALL and JIM WEST regarding Party policy continue unabated.

DOROTHY HEALEY continues to challenge the National Leadership whenever possible. It is noted, however, that in the recent past she has for the most part gone along with decisions of the National Committee. In addition, she continues to feud regularly with WILLIAM C. TAYLOR who leads a Negro faction, and is covetous of HEALEY's job.

III.

BURT NELSON has decided to seek outside employment in the ILWU. His wife has indicated that she is fed up with the fact that she must be the provider for the family, indicating that the CP in addition should provide an office for its leaders. She stated that she would no longer tolerate "coffee breaks" around her home for the leadership. It is noted that NELSON and his wife are carrying on a constant feud centering around the drinking of NELSON and the general mistreatment of her.

THOMAS NABRIED continues to carry on an affair with his paramour FRANCES GABOW (a white woman) while continuing to reside with [redacted] a Negro CP members. In addition, there are indications that another CP Negro member named KATHERINE COOPER, sister-in-law of JAMES E. JACKSON, Jr. was trying to supplant [redacted] in the affection of NABRIED.

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In the recent past, DANNY QUEEN and [redacted] have stated that they did not want Negro comrades to visit them [redacted] which is in an all-white neighborhood.

This action on their part has caused some criticism among the CP members, and a meeting was held in October, 1960, to discuss this situation. The results of the meeting were that [redacted] must in the future guard her statements so that they cannot be interpreted as being white chauvinism.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-73516)

CHAIM SULLER
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NY 2010-S* has reported that on 12/15/60, CHAIM SULLER advised PHIL BART that ABE SOKOLOV had died on 12/15/60, and the funeral was scheduled for 12/18/60. The family was hoping BART would attend. BART said he would see what he could do.

The informant also reported that SULLER told JACK STACHEL that he was coming on 12/19/60, at 4:30 p.m. STACHEL said he did not know if he would be there and would advise him on 12/19/60.

3-Philadelphia (RM)
(1-100- ) (ABE SOKOLOV)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
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On 12/12/60, NY 2858-S* advised that on the above date, an informal discussion was held in CP headquarters, NYC. In attendance was JACK STACHEL, PHIL BART and LOUIS WEINSTOCK.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK advised that he has lined up several fund raising affairs for "The Worker" for the next year. He mentioned a Carnegie Hall concert, a Midvale picnic and a 1961 bazaar. No dates or specifics were discussed regarding above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) DATE: DEC 16 1960

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

NY 694-S* advised on 11/2/60, that the National and New York State Offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

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The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below:

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) DATE: DEC 16 1960

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) DATE: DEC 16 1960

FROM : SA [redacted]

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O F F I C E  M E M O R A N D U M  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK(100-80641) DATE: 12/16/60

FROM : SA EVERETT K. DEANE

SUBJECT: CPUSA - Organization

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[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Since 4/15/57, this building has been occupied by the New York State and National Offices of the Communist Party, USA. The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Since June, 1958, space in this building has been occupied by Publishers New Press, Inc., publisher of "The Worker", East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to re-contact the source regarding information furnished.

Information received on 12/13/60 by

SA EVERETT K. DEANE & SE [redacted]

The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

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( ) Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

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December 7, 1960

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Dear Comrades:

The National Secretariat after consultation with comrades in a number of key districts has decided to postpone the next meeting of the National Committee scheduled to begin on Friday, Dec. 16th to

January 20th, 21st and 22nd.

This is being done in order to assure the most thorough preparations and take into account a number of important developments. It is planned that copies of the main report to be made by Gus Hall will reach the members of the National Committee on or around January 15th so that they can come prepared to make their fullest contribution to the discussion and decisions.

The N.E.C. will meet in the meantime and will prepare a document dealing with the elections and major tasks in connection with the opening of Congress.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 12/15/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: PHIL BART's comments concerning internal situation of CPUSA and NYSCP, [redacted]

Date received: [redacted]
Received by: SA JOHN A. HAAG (NYO) and SA R. H. HORNER (NK)(oral)
Original location: [redacted]

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Information furnished by informant was typed by [redacted] on 12/5/60 and authenticated by informant on 12/7/60.

Extreme caution must be used in handling and reporting the following information in order to protect identity of informant.

A copy of informant's oral report is set forth as follows:

2 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
3 - Newark [redacted] (RM)
(1-100-19491)(PAT TOOHEY)
(1-100- )(CPUSA-NJ DISTRICT)
1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY 100-84994 [redacted]
1 - NY 100-23825
1 - NY 100-128814 (CPUSA-NYD-ORGANIZATION)(414)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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The following information was obtained at CPUSA headquarters, [redacted]

The CPUSA leadership is concerned that there has been little preparation for the December 1960 CP National Committee (NC) meeting. [redacted] said that none of the CP Districts have sent in any comments concerning the literature they received from the national office. He said there have been no meetings to establish a common view on a whole group of questions. There is nothing new on the results of the elections and no memoranda have been prepared by anyone for inclusion in [redacted] report to the NC. b7D

According to Bart, this has occurred because the CP national office has been disrupted by [redacted] being away, [redacted] being at the leadership school now in session, and he (Bart) and [redacted] being busy with the controversy with the New England district and [redacted] As a result, [redacted] report to the NC will not be a collective leadership report, but will have a lot of loose ends.

Bart stated that [redacted] report will be the only subject before the meeting, but will serve as an umbrella to cover reports from various subcommittees.

Bart advised that all delegates to the NC meeting should be prepared to stay the full three days, as the full NC will be broken up to discuss points in [redacted] report, such as a discussion on the internal setup of the CPUSA, dues payments, registration, etc. Another subject will be the New England situation. b7D

According to Bart, there will be a post-NC meeting follow-up to organize meetings of CP members and of those in sympathy with CP to disseminate to them the deliberations of the CPUSA at the NC meeting--as a step toward expanding the leadership of the CPUSA to people who have no leadership, but who hold views in agreement with the CPUSA. (It should be noted here that the CPUSA is concerned that the Trotskyites have attained some degree of this leadership--witness their polling 11,000 votes in New Jersey in the recent election.)

The CPUSA is no longer setting the line in the field of electoral activity, civil rights, the Negro struggle, and people active in these fields--not finding any leadership from the CPUSA--are moving into other groups.

This NC meeting, according to Bart, will attempt to establish the CPUSA as the hegemony in these fields.

This is the general policy outlook that will permeate the NC meeting--with the expectation of what the CPUSA will do with this policy outlook.

In the year since the last CPUSA Convention, on which so much hope was based, nothing has materialized. The CP today is worse than it was one year ago. This is believed to be due to certain internal developments:

The leadership of the CP which was elected at the last convention (December, 1959) has not been able to establish itself as an authoritative, respected body. Consequently, the CP itself continues to ebb and cannot seize the lines of command and cannot influence a large segment of progressives. This has tended to fan an opposing, disrespectful trend in the CP, which underneath indicates some factionalism still prevails.

This, in turn, has created a tremendous feeling of insecurity among the leadership, who consequently are fearful of every little evidence of criticism, and regard it as factional. The outlook of the leadership has turned toward combatting internal quarrels.

Bart cited the following example of this situation:

A week or two ago, a conference of 150 NYSCP people was

held, at which the NYSCP Board announced that it had adopted a five-point resolution:

1. Supporting the electoral resolution of the NC.
2. Endorsing the ideological view of the Soviet Union on peace.
3. Consolidating the CP in terms of registration.
4. Noting the failure to reach quota in "The Worker" fund drive.
5. Endorsing the reduction of the NYS staff from 11 members to 5 or 6 due to the financial crisis.

Bart said that there is no one dissident group you can put your finger on, but a loose, covert underground type of thing. There are reservations to a resolution here and another there--nonetheless, these reservations are contrary to the leadership's desires.

Bart continued that these five points had been adopted by the NY State Board and then presented to the conference of 150. This was a mistake--first, a meeting of the NYS Committee should have been called so that all objections could be thrashed out, and then the leadership could come to the meeting united. This all-day meeting of 150, instead of rallying the members, encouraged a widening of reservations to come out in full bloom.

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According to Bart, [redacted] made a three-hour report on all

five of the above questions at the meeting of the 150. This report was too long. This report dealt with the lack-of-unity trend in the CP and examined the specific fields in which the lack is apparent.

In the discussion that followed [redacted] Bart said he got the feeling, from the manner in which other speakers spoke, that they regarded [redacted] as a myth. They did not speak on his report but on the work they accomplished in their own areas, thus inferentially disputing [redacted] of paralysis in the CP.

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According to Bart, [redacted] made a vicious speech, as did one or two people from the industrial division, attacking the leadership, by stating that there is no leadership, but that the membership below is the leadership--turning the meeting [redacted] and his report and accentuating the distrust in the leadership. The meeting accomplished none of what it set out to do and was a failure.

Bart stated that those who were elected to the NC from NYC are working fine, as are those who were defeated in the NC election--yet, "you can't say they don't have knives out for each other."

Bart said it is the hope of the leadership that this coming NC meeting will unify the CP because, on top of the New York situation, is the New England situation and "a couple of other places, there is smoke rising."

The failure of the NC to establish itself as an authoritative leadership will permit the continued existence of a factional undercurrent.

The non-acceptance of the present leadership--the proponents of which have not yet crystalized into actual groups--is evidenced by the disunity and paralysis of the Party, which is just riding along, doing no constructive work.

This inactivity, in turn, encourages the dissident elements. In addition, the fact that there are some differences of opinion, ideologically, on the international Communist scene also encourages the dissident elements.

Instead of there being a uniform prospectus on basic political subjects and a program around which all can rally, there has been set in motion a frustrating trend of riding along doing nothing. b7D

It was learned later the same day, in response to a question from [redacted] that [redacted] Chairman,

expressed concern of the plight of the CPUSA. He said that there is confusion in the CP--no one knows what it stands for or where it is going. He said that if there is a paralysis in the New Jersey CP, it is due to the inactivity of the national CP. Why, he asked, should New Jersey go it alone.

In New Jersey, he stated, there is the feeling of "routine-ism," the Party is in a rut. He pointed out that recently, Edward R. Murrow did a TV program on the plight of the migrant farm worker and asked why Murrow is now their spokesman, when this was always the role of the CP in the past.

[redacted] agreed and added that the CPUSA is without vitality, that a certain bloodlessness has entered the CP. It must not run along in a routine fashion. b7D

One gets the impression here that [redacted] may be sounding out the feelings of key CP people with the thought of taking over the CP leadership himself.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-80641) DATE: 12/13/60

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-31723)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On 11/19/60, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided to SA FORREST F. BURGESS two letters address to members of the National Committee (CPUSA) dated [redacted] and [redacted] respectively. These items were photographed and returned to the Informant. They are maintained in Philadelphia File 65-1686-1B-37(1).

The letter dated [redacted] stated the next regular meeting of the National Committee (NC) would be held in New York City 12/16-18/60, with the beginning time to be 10:30 a.m., 12/16/60. The letter stated that the order of business would be

5 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL) b7D
2 - 100-80641
1 - 100-74560 (CPUSA-FUNDS)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-84994 [redacted]

6 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-31723
1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-35156 [redacted]
1 - 65-1686
1 - [redacted]
1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA-FUNDS)

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"The International and National Situations and the Tasks Ahead," which report would be given by [redacted] This letter continued by stating that the National Committee meetings entailed tremendous costs and, therefore, in addition to the $75.00 assessed to each district for each member of the NC attending the meeting from that district, the Secretariat had decided to ask each district to curtail travel costs by using trains instead of planes, except where this was impossible. The letter stated arrangements would be made for housing, but those who wished to stay in hotels would have to make their own arrangements. The letter was signed "PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary."

The second letter dated [redacted] also referred to the NC meeting to be held 12/16-18/60, and made note of the fact that it was one year since the 17th National Convention and the meeting would try to draw a balance sheet and an estimation of the year's activities of their leadership to struggles and movements and on this basis project the work of the Party for the coming year." The letter stated the second item would be an evaluation of the recent presidential elections. The third item to be taken up was the important developments in the struggle for peace and in the Negro freedom movement. The letter stated the question of concentration and of trade union work would also receive high priority because the Secretariat felt that there was a weakness in the work of the Party during the past year relative to the working class and the trade union movement. It stated that the meeting would examine the role of the Party and its weaknesses and successes. The letter requested the various NC members to furnish their thinking on the matters to receive consideration at the NC meeting and asked that letters be sent as quickly as possible with the thoughts of the various NC members so that they could be analyzed before the meeting. This letter was signed by [redacted] CPUSA."

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If a photograph of either letter is needed by New York, request for same should be made of Philadelphia.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-9365) 12/16/60

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 11/29/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 11/29/60, MARY KAUFMAN contacted PHIL (BART)..told BILL that she has been busy working on the FOSTER case..was on the phone to Washington..to the Attorney General's office..after several calls, the Government called her and said, the Government has already decided that they will not challenge the doctors findings, they will not question, and that they will raise no objection to his travel to the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. MARY said she asked if they (Government) will get the passport from the State Department for her. They said no...but they will advise the State Department that the fact that there is an indictment outstanding should not be considered a bar to his getting a passport. MARY said that this places FOSTER in the position of any other person applying for a passport. MARY said there may be other bars, but she is going to ask the court for permission to travel to the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia which the Government will sign that they have no objections to the order..the Court will sign, and she would like to see the State Department turn them down.. said she feels that the Court will have to sign the order since the Government has consented..The Court isn't going to buck the Supreme Court, said she'll get the order from the Court permitting him to travel for his health..MARY said she felt

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY (100-5700) (ART SHIELDS)
1-NY (100-9365) (415)
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that she would get a favorable position from the Government... that's why she didn't want to start any mass struggle. PHIL stated he is very happy with the news.

MARY then told PHIL that the Beacon Press wants the bill paid..want $90.00 this week..by Monday..balance by Jan. 1.. total around 300 dollars. PHIL said he was down there today and there was nothing there. MARY said they were supposed to get something from the Bill of Rights Fund.

MARY said she wants to call GUS (HALL) to give him the news on FOSTER. PHIL didn't have the number but was sure she could get it from telephone information. PHIL told MARY to keep Friday night open. She has. MARY said she spoke to FOSTER and ART SHIELDS..feels the agreement is nailed down..added that the Government will not ask for an increase in bail, but will want to be advised as to where FOSTER is..his address..in Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia sanitoriums.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-19679) 12/16/60

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ISADORE WOFSY
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 11/29/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 11/29/60, PHIL (BART) contacted IZZIE (WOFSY)..told him the news on FOSTER.. IZZIE reminded PHIL that he will see him Thursday.

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SYLVIA HALL
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| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 11/29/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 11/29/60, SYLVIA (HALL) contacted CONNIE and PHIL (BART)..told CONNIE that he (BOB THOMPSON) has started a job..only has the week ends for social activities..will call CONNIE Friday and let her know (about this week end?)..CONNIE and then PHIL told her the news on FOSTER..etc.

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1-NY (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON)
1-NY (100-100351)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-129629) 12/16/60

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BILL ALBERTSON
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 11/29/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 11/29/60, PHIL (BART) contacted BILL (ALBERTSON), discussing the fact that MARY (KAUFMAN) spoke before the Justice Department and about one half hour ago, she was notified that they would not stand in the way of having a passport issued to FOSTER. BILL thought that was very important. PHIL said that they will have to use this thing even tonight. BILL said that they should get a little box in the worker. PHIL said that he will call JACK. PHIL said that MARY gave the story to JACK SHIELDS (ph). He said that they ought to use this "in the organization" and perhaps have "him" say a few words on tape. PHIL said that if they play this up, they can bring more people down now. They will see each other Monday.

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN)
1-NY (100-5700) (ART SHIELDS)
1-NY (100-129629) (414)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 12/14/60

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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(Weekly Summary 12/5-11/60)
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12/6/60

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted PEGGY DENNIS and inquired as to GENE DENNIS' condition. She told the subject that GENE was enduring extreme pain and that he would probably have to go into the hospital for additional treatment. The subject asked PEGGY if she was coming down to the National Office on Thursday to pick up her "things" or did she want them sent up.

The subject said that he was leaving town the following day for New England where he would be for a few days and that he would be returning on Monday. He also stated that they had received a cable from ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, and they expected her back the following day. He also told PEGGY that BILL FOSTER was leaving a week from that coming Sunday and that he would be accompanied by his doctor and son-in-law. He said that ESTHER FOSTER was not traveling with him, but would go over in a few months, with SYLVIA KOLKO. PEGGY told the subject that she would try to arrange to have DENNIS speak with FOSTER before he left.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had stated that he was leaving that day for Boston and that he expected HY LUMER to also come to Boston, but that LUMER would not be coming up until that Saturday.

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1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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This source also advised that the subject had contacted his wife later and told her that he was then leaving, but that he wished to have her call RUTH SHULMAN at the office or BILL ALBERTSON and arrange to have flowers and a bottle sent tomorrow morning to the office for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, who they expected would be in about 10:30.

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NY 1749-S* advised that CONNIE BART had contacted ELIZABETH FLYNN, who told her that she had just returned from visiting GENE DENNIS and that she thought he looked so bad that she believes the end is near. FLYNN said that she was anxious to see CONNIE and the subject, but CONNIE said that they would have to wait a few days as the subject was presently in Boston at a special convention.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had arrived home, from his trip to Boston, very late that evening. He told his wife that the convention had gone fairly well, but that they would be having more trouble in Boston. He said that HOMER was defeated and that the only votes he received were from his own clique. He said that when the vote was taken HOMER was smiling and confident, but that when the results were announced he was in a state of shock. He said HOMER and his group tried everything to get backing even threats of physical violence. He said CHASE received 12 votes in all, which included his own, his wife's, two brothers' and two young people, from a club in New Hampshire which the New England District was not even aware existed.

The subject said that JOE CHASE, HOMER'S brother, was elected chairman of the convention. He said he is pretty bad, but that CHASE'S other brother, PHIL, is even worse. He said that CHASE'S father had been expelled from the Party in 1928 for Trotskyism. He said that during the convention BEN DAVIS got up and labeled HOMER a demagogue.

He said some of the people up there definitely do not like DAVIS, but they probably hated "him". He said that some of these people feel that he actually had pushed the ouster of CHASE. He said that two Negroes were elected to the New England District Committee, which is the first time they have ever had any on that group. He said at the start of the convention he asked for the right to speak first, which he was given, however, he said that he was not too calm and really gave them "hell."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 13 DEC 1960

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PHIL BART

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On 12/5/60, [redacted] advised that on 12/4/60 an all-day session of a meeting of the New York District CP committee was held at 40 E. 7th St., NYC. [redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past. b6 b7C b7D

SA JOHN F. LANGTRY conducted a physical surveillance of the entrance to 40 E. 7th St., NYC, on 12/4/60. Above-captioned subject was observed entering 40 E. 7th St. between 10:00 a.m. and 11:25 a.m.~~; and 1:40 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.~~

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Via AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-1)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-7908)

RE: CPUSA, New England District
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a District Convention, CPUSA, New England District, held on 12/11/60 at Chelsea, Massachusetts for the purpose of electing a new leadership in the District.

The source referred to in the enclosed memorandum is identified as [redacted] who orally furnished such information to SA [redacted] on 12/11/60.

The letterhead memorandum has been classified "Confidential" since data reported therein from [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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6 - Bureau (100-3-1) (Encls. 5) (RM)
1 - 100-3-88 (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM)(Encl. 1)
1 - 100-3-69 (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION)Encl. 1)
1 - 100-349078 (HOMER BATES CHASE) (Encl. 1)
4 - New York (RM) b7D
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1 - 100-80641 (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION)(Encl. 1)
1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(Encl. 1)
1 - 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)(Encl. 1)
7 - Boston (100-7908) (Encl. 1)
1 - [redacted]
1 - [redacted]
1 - 100-775 (HOMER BATES CHASE)(Encl. 1)
1 - 100-24914 (PHIL BART)(Encl. 1)
1 - 100-10072 (BEN DAVIS )(Encl. 1)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to File No.*

Boston, Massachusetts
December 12, 1960

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 11, 1960 that a District Convention of the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA), New England District, was held on that date at Chelsea, Massachusetts. The convention, according to the source, was attended by PHIL BART and BEN DAVIS, members of the National Executive Committee (NEC), CPUSA, and was held on the recommendation of the NEC for the purpose of eliminating HOMER BATES CHASE, because of his opposition to Party policy, from his position of leadership in the New England District. CHASE in this regard was accused by both BART and DAVIS of creating factionalism in the Party, a condition described by DAVIS as a "poisonous thing". It was the statement of BEN DAVIS that CHASE had mobilized the District against Party policy and that it was consequently necessary for the District to elect a new leadership and to fight for unity on the correct Party line.

The source further advised that the Convention, attended by thirty-three delegates representing Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Vermont, subsequently proceeded with the election of a new ten member District Committee as follows:

OTIS A. HOOD, ANNE BURLAK TIMPSON, MILDRED GOODWIN, LEWIS GORDON, PHILIP O. BAKER EDWARD S. TEIXEIRA, LEWIS M. JOHNSON, JOHN G. HOVAN, ROBERT W. POLLACK, and HENRY GROSSMAN.

It was made known that the responsibility of the reorganization and election of new District Officials now rests with the newly elected District Committee, including the naming of a new District Organizer to take over the duties of HOMER BATES CHASE, previously suspended from this position by the NEC. CHASE, the source said, would continue in the Party insofar as the New England District was concerned, but only as a rank and file member.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-4) DATE: DEC 12 1960

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-2349)

SUBJECT:
CP, USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
NEW YORK DIVISION
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[redacted] on December 5, 1960, furnished a report (filed [redacted]) to SA ROBERT E. MARGISON regarding a meeting of the State Committee of the NYS CP, held at the Central Plaza Annex, 40 East Seventh Street, New York City, on December 3 and 4, 1960. (Informant has furnished reliable information in the past.)

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CC: 2 - Bureau (100-3-4) (RM)
1 - Buffalo (100-7708 HATTIE LUMPKIN) (RM)
1 - Buffalo (100-10454 MORTIMER SCHEER) (RM)
1 - Buffalo (100-11862 EDWARD WOLKENSTEIN) (RM)
2 - New York (100-26603) (RM)
2 - New York (100-128814 ORGANIZATION) (RM)
1 - New York (100-129629 WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-9369 TED BASSETT) (RM)
1 - New York (100-82905 WILBUR BROMS)(RM)
1 - New York (100-559 JESUS COLON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-60640 HAROLD COLLINS) (RM)
1 - New York (100-106126 MICHAEL CRENOVICH) (RM)
1 - New York (100-23825 BEN DAVIS, JR.) (RM)
1 - New York (100-93365 MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (RM)
1 - New York (100-13483 BETTY GANNETT) (RM)
1 - New York (100-228 JUNE GORDON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-96627 ALONZO GUYTON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-84994 GUS HALL) (RM)
1 - New York (100-5106 CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (RM)
1 - New York (100-118884 RAE HENDRIX) (RM)
1 - New York (100-16021 ARNOLD JOHNSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-83828 ALEX KOLKIN) (RM)
1 - New York (100-10113 LEONARD LEVINSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-114066 HY LUMER) (RM)
1 - New York (100-79025 MILDRED MC ADORY) (RM)
1 - New York (100-95636 ELIZABETH MERKELSON) (RM)
1 - New York (100-13203 GEORGE MORRIS) (RM)
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1 - New York (100-105448 MANUEL POUSADA) (RM)
1 - New York (100-58535 CONSTANTINE RADZIE) (RM)
1 - New York (100-9550 PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (RM)
1 - New York (100-118174 MILTON ROSEN) (RM)
1 - New York (100-13527 DAVID SALES) (RM)
1 - New York (100-109560 PAUL SCHWARTZ) (RM)
1 - New York (100-67234 RUTH SHULMAN) (RM)
1 - New York (100-9375 NINO SIRACUSA) (RM)
1 - New York (100-JACK STACHEL) (RM)
1 - New York (100-82206 BILL STANLEY) (RM)
1 - New York (100-15946 JIM TORMEY) (RM)
1 - New York (100-50094 ESTHER CANTOR UNGER) (RM)
1 - New York (100-54555 EVELYN WEINER) (RM)
1 - New York (100-26018 LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (RM)
1 - New York (100-9595 WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (RM)
1 - New York (100-116704 AARON WOOL) (RM)
1 - New York (100-73561 ABE UNGER) (RM)
1 - New York (100-48033 IRVING POTASH) (RM)
1 - New York (100-21421 AL TRACHTENBERG) (RM)
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1 - [redacted]
1 - Albany (100-2349)
1 - Albany (100-11789 RAY WATKINS)
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1 - Albany (100-11488 YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - Albany (100-9567 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)

Informant furnished a mimeographed letter signed by ALBERTSON dated November 15, 1960, to all State Committee members, announcing this meeting and the order of business as (1) report and discussion on proposals for streamlining Party organization, (2) report and discussion on leadership questions and action thereon.

The meeting got under way on December 3 with BILL PATTERSON in the Chair and CLARENCE HATHAWAY furnishing the main report. HATHAWAY's report covered both topics. He stated that we must unite the State leadership behind the policies of the National. The situation in New York State has been fully discussed on several occasions by the State Board with the National Committee and the National Secretariat. He indulged in self-criticism by admitting he had not yet been able to unite the New York Party and that this was his fault as he had not fought hard enough, had tolerated two leaderships instead of a united leadership and had looked to the National for help instead of looking to the State Committee. There is resistance to the National leadership by some State leaders. New York had an opportunity to o great work during the sessions of the United Nations. Some good work has been done in New York but not enough and not by the full membership -- most of the good work was done by a few comrades. ABRAHAM UNGER attacked the National Committee at the Leadership Conference held in New York City on November 5, 1960, and he went overboard in his criticisms. HATHAWAY criticized UNGER for this, although he was the only one so singled out by name. New York must cement the coalition of the Negro, the Puerto Rican and Labor and fight against capitalism. It must take another look at its trade union work and review its trade union work with the Trade Union Commission. Cuba and the Latin Americas must be supported. The Party can only grow out of its experiences in mass work. The circulation of "The Worker" must be raised. The youth movement in the Party is dead, and we must revise our youth work and get some recruits.

The State Board in its several discussions with the National has proposed a leadership reorganization in the NYS CP. The following proposal is a National Committee decision, although the State Board supports it:

(MORT SCHEER is the only member whom the informant knows who opposed this reorganization.) The State Staff is to be eliminated. This group has been making decisions without consultation to either the State Board or the State Committee.

The State Committee is to regain its importance as the highest policy-making body in the State, and any interim decisions made by the State Board must be presented to the State Committee for approval or disapproval. The State Board is to meet twice a month, and the State Committee every second month. The State Board will consist of CLARENCE HATHAWAY as Chairman, BILL PATTERSON as Vice Chairman, BETTY GANNETT as Org. Sec., EVELYN WEINER as Administration Secretary and MILT ROSEN in charge of Concentration. BILL ALBERTSON, who was Org. Sec. and ARNOLD JOHNSON, who was Vice Chairman, are being released from their State positions to the National and will be assigned positions in the National leadership and will go on the National payroll. MORT SCHEER, JIM TORMEY, ANNE from Harlem, (identified by the informant as RAE HENDRIX,) and MIMI FRIEDLANDER, all of whom were section organizers or county chairmen and were all full-time paid members of the NYS CP have been cut from the New York State payroll. This represents a cut of six full-time paid employees.

The above slate was presented to the State Committee for approval. PAUL ROBESON questioned as to whether there would be a secret ballot, and Chairman PATTERSON advised him there would not be. There was some demand for a secret ballot. ALBERTSON then attempted to explain this was not an election and that the State was merely cutting down on its staff and presenting the proposal for approval. There was, therefore, no need for a secret ballot. Some State Committee members protested that new officers were actually being elected, such as BETTY GANNETT and EVELYN WEINER. PATTERSON ruled against these protests, however, and stated that there would be no secret ballot. PAUL ROBESON, JR. appealed this ruling and ARNOLD JOHNSON took the Chair for the vote. Twenty-one voted to uphold PATTERSON's ruling, and eighteen voted against it. Questions then came from the floor as to whether they could make nominations or present write-in votes, and the meeting threatened to get out of hand. BEN DAVIS, JR. intervened and asked what difference it made and suggested that the Chair reconsider, and on the next vote, PATTERSON's ruling against a secret ballot was defeated. The meeting finally agreed on a secret ballot, but the members were instructed they could only vote yes or no on the slate and had no option to nominate or elect any other individuals. DAVIS pointed out that he was opposing this procedure but that it was a recommendation from the National Committee, and the members had no choice. The informant pointed out that this was democratic centralism at its finest.

Prior to the vote, there were several objections to the elimination of MORT SCHEER as Upstate Coordinator. The importance of Upstate was stressed in that this was where the workers in steel, railroads and other basic industries were. The meeting consequently went against the slate presented in that it voted to retain SCHEER as Upstate Coordinator. He consequently remains as a full-time paid employee.

Included in the proposal was that there was to be one State Treasury. All money collected on the club level was to be furnished directly to the State, and the clubs and the counties would have to present requisitions to this single treasury for any money these units needed. There was a big protest against this, and it was finally agreed that the club could retain a percentage of the money it collected but that this percentage was much smaller than it had been in the past and that the exact amount would have to be "worked out". During a luncheon break, JUNE GORDON expressed a prevailing opinion that she did not like the new slate of officers but that there was not much that could be done about it. The National forced the previous slate of New York State officials upon the State a year ago, and it has now done the same thing at this meeting. She prefers DAVIS as a New York State leader and feels that HATHAWAY knows nothing about the New York State Party. BEN DAVIS stated that he had wanted to retain his position in State leadership but that it was not now possible to consider replacing him in the State. There was some support for nominating him at this meeting, as State Chairman, but he had stated if he were elected to such a position at this time, he would not serve.

It was then announced that the State would set up the following commissions:

Peace Commission
Youth Commission
Negro Commission
Puerto Rican Commission
Housing Commission
National Origin Commission
Legislative Commission

Any sections that have functioning commissions in these areas will not be interfered with. State Commissions in these particular breakdowns will be established to coordinate the work of comrades in all other Party groups. This proposal was adopted.

Short speeches then followed from the floor.

LOU WEINSTOCK stated that the Party was now in worse shape than ever. It is split worse than it was during the JOHN GATES period. HATHAWAY's report was lacking and could have added much more to the picture. The main reason for cutting down on the number of full-timers was financial.

MILT ROSEN pointed out that the Negro and labor ties of the Party were still weak; it had made gains in the trade union movement.

RUTH SHULMAN said that the Party must fight for a Negro candidate for mayor, that it should let the members know and discuss the issues that are before the leadership before the leadership makes its final decisions and that leadership is not letting the members do adequate discussing of the issues. JIM TORMEY agrees with the HATHAWAY report and that the Party must have unity and cannot survive without it.

The Sunday meeting got under way with additional floor comments. ARNOLD JOHNSON claimed that special attention must be given to Cuba and that everyone must fight to end Jim Crow and unite the Party.

GEORGE MORRIS agrees with the report and urges the Party to close ranks and move forward.

HATTIE LUMPKIN supported the movement to restore SCHEER to the payroll and claimed that a full-time worker is required Upstate, and SCHEER has done a good job for the Party in Buffalo.

AARON WOOL questioned as to who were the people who are resisting the line of the Party. He got no answer.

LENNIE LEVINSON placed the blame on the Party split where it belongs -- on the National leadership. He does not think HATHAWAY has done a good job as State Chairman, and he cannot understand how HATHAWAY could claim he did not know what he was getting into when he accepted this position.

BEN DAVIS reiterated that he does not approve of this slate of officers but that he will go along with it. He also opposes the practice of the National bringing proposals to the

State Committee, inasmuch as it was powerless to oppose such proposals.

ANNE from Harlem stated that the leadership cannot lead because it is not rooted in the mass movement. No one has called her in to evaluate her work because the leaders do not want the work of the leaders evaluated. She cannot respect a leadership which is forced on her and who knows nothing of the work in the state and in the groups.

PAUL ROBESON stated that leadership is not for the State and that HATHAWAY knows nothing of New York. BEN DAVIS was the greatest leader in the country and should not have been removed from State leadership. No one is routed in the mass movement as firmly as he is. The present leaders have been unable to unite the Party since February, and he questioned why they are retained at the present time.

LENNIE LEVINSON wanted to know what BEN DAVIS is doing nationally and why he was taken out of New York State leadership. He blamed the National for the situation in New York.

FRED from Buffalo (identified by picture as ED WOLKENSTEIN) claimed that Buffalo is more important than New York City and needs a full-timer, and is a working class city where steel, automotive and electrical is represented. MORT SCHEER has done a real job for the Party there.

MANNY POUSADA pressed for a full-time leader in Upstate New York and expressed opposition to the present leadership.

MILLIE EDELMAN expressed opposition to the present slate of officers and wants BEN DAVIS to return.

JUNE GORDON is opposed to the slate but will support it for unity's sake.

JIM TORMEY is in complete agreement with the current slate and will support it.

CONSTANTINE RADZIE made a plea for unity and told the members that they must get down to effective work.

WILBUR BROMS is opposed to both the current slate and to HATHAWAY's report.

Additional speakers took the floor and expressed the thought that the National must accept the blame for the New York State split because it concealed the facts in the National Committee and in the State Board. Very few of the State Committee knew the details of the factionalism and who was responsible for it. Some speakers asked for the names of the factionalists but these people were never identified for them. BEN DAVIS said we must accept the new slate for the sake of unity, and we could not offer any counter proposals. Several members of the National Committee were observed in attendance.

Observed in attendance at the meeting were:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
WILBUR BROMS
HAROLD COLLINS
BEN DAVIS, JR.
BETTY GANNETT
ALONZO GUYTON
CLARENCE HATHAWAY
ARNOLD JOHNSON
LEONARD LEVINSON
MILDRED MC ADORY
GEORGE MORRIS
JOE NORTH
EDWARD PINCKNEY
MANUEL POUSADA
PAUL ROBESON, JR.
DAVID SALES
RUTH SHULMAN
JACK STACHEL
JIM TORMEY
EVELYN WEINER
WILLIAM WEINSTONE
HATTIE LUMPKIN
EDWARD WOLKENSTEIN
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
IRVING POTASH
TED BASSETT
JESUS COLON
MICHAEL CRENOVICH
MIMI FRIEDLANDER
JUNE GORDON
GUS HALL
RAE HENDRIX
ALEX KOLKIN
HY LUMER
ELIZABETH MERKELSON
SOPHIE NASCIEMENTO
WILLIAM PATTERSON
IDA POSNER
CONSTANTINE RADZIE
MILTON ROSEN
PAUL SCHWARTZ
NINO SIRACUSA
BILL STANLEY
ESTHER CANTOR UNGER
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
AARON WOOL
MORTIMER SCHEER
RAY WATKINS
PHIL BART
AL TRACHTENBERG

Informant advised there were also two women in the audience, both of whom he had seen before, but neither of whose names he could recall.

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Should the identities of the two unknown women be known to New York, it is requested Albany be advised so that the informant can be alerted to identify these two individuals at future meetings.

12/9/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-149103)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-23525)

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN J. DAVIS
IS-C; RA-40; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

Re Airtel to Bureau, 12/6/60, captioned, "CPUSA, NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION, IS-C," reflecting various individuals who were planning to be in Boston this weekend, probably in connection with the factional fight involving HOMER EATON CHASE.

NY 1869-S* reported on 12/8/60, NY LUMER advised BENJAMIN J. DAVIS that he had received a "hurry up" call from Boston. LUMER said "they" want very badly for DAVIS to go to Boston this weekend. He added, "they" said "this gang" (HOMER CHASE, etal) "they" are fighting will find it harder to attack DAVIS than PHIL (EAST) and himself (LUMER).

DAVIS was reluctant to go but indicated he would talk to LUMER further regarding this on 12/9/60.

NY 2010-S* reported on 12/7/60, DAVIS made inquiry relative to the two-day railroad rate for a train leaving NY at 1:00 PM, 12/10/60, arriving in Boston, 5:00 PM, and return the next day 12/11/60.

3 - Bureau (100-149103)(RM)
2 - Boston (RM)
1 - NY (100-109078)(NY LUMER)(415)
1 - NY (100-95979)(PHIL EAST)(415)
1 - NY (100-23525)(415)

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NY 2010-S* further reported DAVIS contacted JOHN ABT indicating he desired that ABT obtain court permission for DAVIS to travel to Boston during the afternoon of 12/10/60, and return to NY on Sunday evening 12/11/60. While in Boston, DAVIS would stay with OTIS HOOD, 157 S. Druid Hill Avenue, Randolph, Mass.

It would appear that DAVIS, possibly in place of LUMER, will attend CP meetings in Boston this weekend. Boston is requested to cover DAVIS' activities through established sources and informants.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 12/7/60

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-38921)

SUBJECT: TWO CONTINENTS COMMODITY CORPORATION
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REGISTRATION ACT

Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Info re Two Continents Commodity Corporation, [redacted]

Date received [redacted]

Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG - New York
SA R. H. HORNER - Newark
(orally)

Original location [redacted]

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Information received from informant as set forth above, was dictated by SA JOHN A. HAAG to [redacted] on 11/17/60, transcribed on 11/21/60, and authenticated by informant on 11/30/60.

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Newark (100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY) (RM)
1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-85051 [redacted] (415)
1 - NY 100-54190 [redacted] (424)
1 - NY 100-66938 [redacted] (41)
1 - NY 100-86624 (CP, USA - INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415) 105-56579-5748
1 - NY 105-38921 (31)

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[redacted] contacted [redacted] and requested to meet with him in the near future to discuss matters concerning the Two Continents Commodity Corporation (TCCC). [redacted] indicated that things concerning TCCC had turned out very badly. An audit of the books was made and it showed considerable deceit as to the amount of work done and the volume of the business, particularly on the part of [redacted] and [redacted] The audit established an impermissable relationship between volume, administrative expenses and overhead on the part of [redacted] and others. b7D

[redacted] stated that when this was brought to the attention of [redacted] he acted deceived and injured and immediately called [redacted] and fired him. [redacted] then called [redacted] and a great commotion commenced. [redacted] then fired a part-time secretary and the man in charge of shipping. It was [redacted] opinion that [redacted] was covering for himself.

[redacted] then made a formal claim for [redacted] as a [redacted] - although he was not. [redacted] agreed to [redacted] but other board members objected.

[redacted] stated he spoke to [redacted] and [redacted] of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) National Office, but got no satisfaction. [redacted] indicated that the situation is very bad and that he does not know what to do.

Toohey was critical of [redacted] stating that since [redacted] return from China, he has been reluctant to do what he should do to save the business and comply with the requests of the Chinese. He said that [redacted] should have fired [redacted] and made sweeping changes. [redacted] asked if he [redacted] were still a member of the [redacted] since he is supposed to be voting [redacted] stock. b7D

[redacted] advised that it was felt that [redacted] with his close connections with the CP, USA, would draw undue attention to the Corporation on the part of the Government. He stated that [redacted] had heard that the CP, USA was not sponsoring [redacted] participation in [redacted]

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted] information was based on a remark by Phil Bart, who is in no official position in the CP, USA, to make such a decision on sponsorship. Toohey said that it appears to him that [redacted] wants him off the Board to cover his own deceit.

[redacted] and [redacted] agreed to meet in two weeks.

SAC, SAN JUAN (100-20-D) 12/7/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

CP, USA - FUNDS
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On 11/22/60, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO, a photograph of a CP National Office petty cash voucher dated "11/18", signed, "J. COLON", which indicated COLON received $150.00 from the CP, USA National Office for a "subsidy" to "P.R. (B)". The voucher was approved by "P. B." believed to be the initials of PHIL BART.

If the information set out above is to be used in reports disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be suitably paraphrased to protect the identity of NY 2002-S*, a highly sensitive source of the NYO.

2 - San Juan (100-20-D) (INFO) (RM)
1 - Kansas City (100-8014) (INFO) (RM)
1 - New York (101-559) (JESUS COLON) (415)
1 - New York (100-6562) (CP PUERTO RICO) (413)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-74560) (415)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603) DATE: 12/7/60

FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)

SUBJECT: CP, NEW YORK DISTRICT
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| 1 - [redacted] | (Inv.) (41) |
| 1 - NY 100- | (DANNY COHEN, White male 46 5'6" 160 pounds, per [redacted]) |
| 1 - NY 100-26776 | (CHARLES DIRBA) (424) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-60640 | (HAROLD COLLINS) (422) (Pgs. 5, 10) |
| 1 - NY 100-68063 | (CLARA BODIAN) (424) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-119779 | (SONIA BERGER) (421) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-116385 | (OLGA AGOSTA) (424) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-9369 | (TED BASSETT) (414) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-116704 | (AARON WOOL) (414) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-66715 | (SHEVRA STONE WOOL) (424) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-55159 | (EDITH ROSEMBERG) (421) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-89179 | (BELLA ALTSHULER) (421) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-67670 | (IDA POSNER) (414) (Pgs. 5,6,7) |
| 1 - NY 100-95550 | (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (414) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-25821 | (CHARLES HANDLEY) (421) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-81771 | (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (424) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-61647 | (JULIUS HYMAN) (424) (Pg.5) |
| 1 - NY 100-105078 | (HY LUMER) (415) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-72625 | (REBECCA LERNER) (424) (Pgs. 5,9) |
| 1 - NY 100-102654 | (EDNA FARKAS) (421) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-130199 | (FRIEDA FINE) (421) (pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-110150 | (ATSUSHI FUJIMA) (424) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-120546 | (STANLEY GOODMAN) (422) (Pg. 5) |
| 1 - NY 100-13483 | (BETTY GANNETT) (414) (5) |
| 1 - NY 100-15946 | (JIM TORMEY) (422) (Pg. 5) |

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1 - NY 100-88609 (ALBERTO PAULA) (421) (Pg. 5,8)
1 - NY 100-5700 (ART SHIELDS) (424) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415) (Pg. 5,
1 - NY 100-91308 (PHIL BONOSKY) (424) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-47060 (BEN BORDOFSKY) (421) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-228 (JUNE GORDON) (41) (Pg. 5,8)
1 - NY 100-5106 (CLARENCE HATHAWAY) (414) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-50094 (ESTHER CANTOR) (424) (Pg. 5, 10)
1 - NY 100-54555 (EVELYN WIENER) (424) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-67234 (RUTH SHULMAN) (421) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-111666 (JACK SHULMAN) (415) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-62847 (LEON LOVE) (421) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-118174 (MILT ROSEN) (414) (Pg. 5, 11)
1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (414) (Pgs. 5, 7, 8)
1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414) (Pgs. 5,6,10,11)
1 - NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (414) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-12959 (CONNIE BART) (422) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-94821 (BERTHA STACHEL) (415) (Pg. 5) b7D
1 - NY 100-55393 (ADA BRODSKY) (424) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-25623 (ERIK BERT) (422) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-137947 (LOTTIE DAVIDOFF) (421) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-118051 (MILDRED EDELMAN) (424) (Pgs. 5,7)
1 - NY 100- (MINNIE LNU previously described per

1 - NY 100-93665 (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (421) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 100-55621 (ESTHER GOLLOBIN) (424) (Pg. 5)
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1 - NY 100-134953 (SARAH JAFFE) (41) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 80835 (HAL KOPPERSMITH) (421) (Pg. 5)
1 - NY 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (41) (Pgs. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
1 - NY 100-128314 (CP, NYD - FUNDS) (414) (Pgs. 6,7,10)
1 - NY 100-97167 (POLITICAL AFFAIRS) (415) (Pg. 6)
1 - NY 100-128314-C (CP, NYD - BRONX COUNTY - FUNDS) (414) (Pgs. 6, 7, 10, 11)
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1 - NY 100-128823 (CP, NYD - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES) (414) (Pg. 7)
1 - NY 100- (COMRADE BEN, White, Male [redacted] light brown hair, [redacted] per [redacted]
1 - NY 100-128815 (CP, NYD - NEGRO QUESTION) (414) (Pg. 8)
1 - NY 100-31019 (COMINFIL OF LABOR UNIONS) (413) (Pg. 9)
1 - NY 100-71105 (FANNIE HECHTMAN) (424) (Pg. 9)
1 - NY 100-79717 (CP, USA - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (415) (Pgs. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
1 - NY 100-128813 (CP, NYD - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (414) (Pg. 6)

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| Identity of Source | [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal) |
| Description of Info | Special meeting of the New York State CP members, 10/29/60, at Adelphi Hall, New York City. |
| Date received | 11/4/60 |
| Received by | SA JOHN A. HAAG (written) |
| Original location | [redacted] |

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

NY 100-26603

Nov. 1/60

At the special meeting called by the State C.P. at Adelphi Hall on Oct. 29/60 these people were seen.

CHARLES DURBER
HAROLD COLLINS
DANNY COHEN
CLARA BODIAN
SONIA BERGER
OLGA AGOSTA
TED BASSETT
AARON WOOL
SHEVRA STONE WOOL
EDITH ROSENBERG
BELLA ALTSHULER
IDA POSNER
PAUL ROBESON JR.
CHARLES HANDLEY
DOROTHY ROBIBSON
JULIUS HEIMAN
HI LUMAR
REBECCA LERNER
EDNA FARKAS
FREDA FINE
ED FUJIMA
STANLEY GOODMAN
BETTY GANNETT
JIM TORMEY
MARVIN MARKMAN
ERNA MC NEAL
GEORGE MORRIS
DOROTHY OFSEVIT
CEIL PAULA
ALBERT PAULA
ART SHIELDS
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
PHIL WARSHASKY
BEN BORDOSKY
JUNE GORDON
CLARENCE HATHAWAY

ESTHER CANTOR
EVELYN WEINER
RUTH SHULMAN
JACK SHULMAN
LEON
MILT ROSEN
ARNOLD JOHNSON
WM. ALBERTSON
WM. WEINSTONE
CONNIE BART
PHIL BART
JACK STACHEL
BERTHA STACHEL
AAD BRODSKY
ERIC BERK
JESUS COLON
LOTTIE DAVIDOFF
MILDRED EDELMAN
MINNIE
MIMI FREIDLANDER
ESTHER GOLLOBIN
SYLVIA HALL
LENNY HERSHMAN
OAKLEY JOHNSON
IRVING MILLS (NINO)
SHERRING MILLS
SOPHIA NASCIAMENTO
IRVING POTASH
EDITH ROSENBERG
PAULINE ROGERS
DAVE SALES
HARRY WARDEL
FRANCES BORDOSKY
GUS HALL
MORRIS WEXLER
SARAH JAFFE
HAL KOFFERSMITH

IDA POSNER was the chairman-

ALBERTSON said that there was hardly a C.P. member who did not have at least one friend or neighbor that he could talk to about the Worker or the Party. He expects every one to bring in at least one new member by the first of the year. He said that there was a bond between the members and the former members who had dropped out and there was no reason why they should not be looked up. All that could be done should be done to bring tham back.

All dues must be paid up by the first of the year and the clubs are asked to get an additions months dues from each member. This money will go direct to the Party.

Subscriptions for the Worker must be brought in. Each Club member must give at least 5 minutes of his time each week to sell of give away at least 5 papers. They are to be sold where and when possible or given to people who will promise to read them and left in the subways in any case. They must be put in places where they will be picked up by non-party people. Each club member will be expected to pay for 5 papers each month.

He said that those who owe back dues will have to pay up. That no one should be allowed to go more than 2 month without paying dues because when it came to registration and the dues have to be paid up to date many find it hard to raise so much money at one clip. Also the sale of the P.A. and other Party papers and books must be pushed and as many as possible sold to non-party people or bought by party people and given to their friends who show an interest. Then he complimented them on the way the Fund drive had gone so far. He said he was better than it had been last year but unless the full quota was in it was not to be considered good enough. In 1959 the qyota was filled 63% and this year it has reaches 76%. But we must have 100% by the end of the year.

He said that the Worker needs $10,000 for the N.Y. Worker alone, that the over-all objective was for $100,000. That the Worker has a deficit of $100,000 which must be paid off if the paper is to ever exist without a great problem which it now faces every week. That is they must have $2,000 before it can go to the printer. While the over-all objective is to raise this $100,000 nationally, it is the Party Organization's obligation (N.Y.) to raise $30,000 The Party must have this money for Supreme Court cases- (Smith Act) Communist Control Act- which he said will probably come before the U.S. Court this year. The Dodd Committee and others.

In order to raise money the clubs should give parties on all the pretexts they can think up. He suggested that they start by celebrating the 25th and 50th years anniversaries of the leaders. More money is made this way in less time than in any other. More people are brought together and more non-party people are brought into the party this way. People who know the sympathizers who are easily approached and give so freely should make it their business to get in touch with all they know as almost any one of them is "good for a $25 bill".

After Dec. 1/61 the Worker will give a prize to the people who raise the most money or get the most Subs. One prize will be a trip to the Soviet Union and one will be a trip to Cuba.

He said that they should all remember that the N.Y. Worker is stabilized. For any money that is brought in an equal amount is always lost.

The next speaker was refered to by IDA POSNER as Comrade BEN. He spoke about the Communist candidates and called the loss of a place on the ballot for ARNOLD JOHNSON and MILDRED EDELMAN "sculdugery". He said

that the mass workers and the Negro people are moving away from the NIXON and KENNEDY camp. That a mass apathy had been noticed to be lifting since this election year we will see the largest registration in the history of the U.S.A. That the C.P. has made many gains in this election campaign. We are no longer isolated. The tasks that remain for the last few days is to get the candidates we need elected. (Here he only mentioned one name - ESPOSITA).

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ALBERT PAULA- He started out by showing that he was very angry about something. He almost lost his voice he was so choked up by it. He said that a Party Meeting was no place to crack jokes. That a C.P. meeting to him was serious business. That the comrades should have great respect for the speakers and the leaders. He said that he accepted ARNOLD JOHNSON's report. (Here he bangs the table). He said he was just there for one thing and that is to ask all of them to get out and fight for the Party. Rally to the aid of the Cubans and raise money for Cuba. "It is our duty to help. Stop the gossip. Stop being afraid when a new member is brought in and stop seeing the F.B.I. in every new recruit.

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JUNE GORDON- She said we had made some wonderfull accomplishments but when we do not accomplish things we should not blame it on the weather. we need closer relationships between the leaders and the rank and file. That we are paying too much attention to super-democracy. Some who are alert are recruiting and what some can do- all can do. She proposed a plan of work. Give 15 minutes a day on the Worker, or spend that amount of time seeing a possible recruit. Work for the C.P. and stop shuddering so much about the leadership doing something or not doing something we think they should or should not be doing. Remember

that they are our trusted leaders and they are doing what ever they do for the good of all.

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LOUIS WEINSTOCK. Comrades, we are to be found anywhere and everywhere that action goes on no matter what it is. We are found in Labor Day parades and on the picket lines where there is a strike and in the best spots where we may find a new contract. Some people critizo the leadership and some people are right in doing so. Some who do so, do not have the right to do so. What I mean is this- take REBECCA and FANNY- they critize the leadership but they do it with love and they do not allow their disagreement with some thing some leader does stop they from doing Party work. Yes, they critize but they also work and deliver the goods. This kind of criticism I-love. I just do not like to be critized by the "do-nothingers".) We put everything on the Communists. No matter what we expect of others we expect much more because we expect our comrades to work with a fever for socialism. Learn to critize yourself first- Self critism is good. When you have critized your own self first - then you may critcize the leadership. In this election we are left out so to speak. We have no candidate in the field. But we do have one candidate that can do more for us than all the NIXONS or KENNEDY The Worker. The world is watching this election campaign, but we are the deciding force that lays the ground work for a socialist world. Ask yourself what you did to build the Party. We have more than 4000 former members- Go out and look for them. They will not be so hard to find. We know where most of them are now. Get them back. I have been at places where they are and have watched them react to something some one says and they still react like communists.

I have seen tham applaud and laugh and know that they liked Comrade KHRUSHCHEV's shoe banging in the U.N. At heart they are still good Communists. They are just waiting for an invitation to come back home. When we evaluate out accomplishments - be modest. Our participation is not as a Marxist unless we do more than the next fellow. Some of you wonder what we do at the meetings of the leaders. Some think we just get into arguments and have differences that we never solve but the arguments we really do have are this- Are we doing all we can to utilize every possiblily to raise money. Are we doing all that can be done to organize affairs. Bazaars, They will raise the money for the Worker. For that we need at least $3500.00 a week. At one good affair we raised $3,000 and the money was spent before the party was over. Each Comrade should make it his business to be responsible for the distribution of at least 5 papers a week. Others are selling as many as 10 or 15. If you cant sell them or give them to friends, leave them in the subway, or in a door behind a doorknow. If we all try and give a few minutes time a week to this most important task we can place at least 10,000 papers a week.

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HAROLD COLLINS.

I am confused. Comrades. Up to now I have been told to not vote for anyone. NoWI find out that some are voting for candidates. Why has this been kept a secret from us up to now.? I hear that ARNOLD JOHNSON and ESTHER CANTOR are voting for KENNEDY. Are these two comrades implementing a party decision of policy? The last time I heard anything a boycott was on both of the presidential candidates. So what do we do now? Do I tell people to vote for KENNEDY? Tell them that we ruled out both

KENNEDY and NIXON but have now changed that to Vote for KENNEDY? What will I tell the people? Shall I make my own policy? It is not my intention to appoligise to anyone for what I am saying. I know what I am saying. I thought about it for a long time before I got up here to say this. I am simply asking a question. We all know that the CASTRO killers are moving into the KENNEDY camp. Is not this enough for confusion? Are we going the way of the majority? What if they are going the wrong way? Why haven't we been told how to vote? Do we go into the voting booth and shut our eyes and vote hit or miss? I fear that after this election is over many will look back and ask what we did in this election. Now in the countdown- is it KENNEDY after all? We had better be prepared to answer some vital questions or we won't be in a possition to recruit or to get Worker readers either.

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WM. ALBERTSON- Here there was so much sudden confusion that the meeting broke up but not before ALBERTSON told them that all was charges $1 for coming. At once the room was green with bills. MILT ROSEN, and several others collected the money.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 12/6/60

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly summary 11/28-12/4/60)
CINAL
(OO: NY)

11/29/60

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject advised his wife, CONNIE, that MARY KAUFMAN had just called to tell him that she had just heard from the Department of Justice that the government would not oppose travel for WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. Subject claimed that this was a great victory for the Party and that great strides might be in the making.

CONNIE BART then advised the subject that she was going to invite about 50 people to their apartment for open house on the Friday before Christmas. She said that she hoped that they all would not come at the same time. She commented that she has even invited BEN DAVIS, who never gets invited anywhere.

NY 1749-S* advised that MARY KAUFMAN had earlier contacted the subject and told him that she had heard from Washington that the Attorney General would not raise any objections to travel by BILL FOSTER to the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia. She said she asked the government if they will get a passport from the State Department for her and they said they could not, but that they would advise State that although there is an indictment outstanding against FOSTER, it should not be considered a bar to his getting a passport. She said that she would get an order from the court permitting FOSTER to travel and she felt she would get a favorable "position" from the government.

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1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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KAUFMAN said she wanted to call GUS HALL and give him the news and that she has already spoken to FOSTER and ART SHIELDS.

Source advised that subsequent to the above contact the subject contacted PEGGY DENNIS, ISADORE WOFSY, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, SYLVIA HALL, BILL ALBERTSON, JACK STACHEL, and MARCEL SCHERER and advised them of the above information. In the case of PEGGY DENNIS, the subject requested the information be passed along to GENE DENNIS and in the case of SYLVIA HALL that the information be given to BOB THOMPSON.

11/30/60

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject was very elated that morning over the news regarding WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. He commented that they will have to get right to work on getting a passport immediately for FOSTER.

Source advised later that the subject discussed with his wife the new offices to be held by individuals in the NY CP district. He said that CLARENCE HATHAWAY was still the head man and that BETTY GANNETT would fill in as organizational secretary. He said that MILT ROSEN would take over in industry, and EVIE WIENER would be in charge of administration, dues, etc.

12/1/60

NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been present on that date at the meeting of the National Secretariat of the CPUSA held at CP Headquarters. Most of this meeting was taken up with a discussion on Party finances, especially in respect to the publications of "The Worker" and the possibility of republishing the "Daily Worker."

12/2/60

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted ELIZABETH LAWSON at CP Headquarters and told her that he felt quite ill and would not be able to go to the office that day. He later spoke to GUS HALL and advised him of the same information and made tentative arrangements regarding his going to Boston the following week.

12/3/60

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed BEN DAVIS and the subject was very critical of DAVIS, who he said never praises anything, but just tear things apart. He said that DAVIS was critical of the affair they are having for JOHN ABT. The subject said that the Party has owed ABT $2,000.00 for over two years and ABT has not said a word about it, however, DAVIS is the first to gripe if his salary is held back for even a day.

Subject continued that everyone at the National Office was very concerned about fund raising and that a special meeting has been organized for the following Monday to discuss just this problem. He said that they are going to ask ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG and CARL BRODSKY to help in regards to the funds, but he does not see what can really be done to overcome the problems. The subject was then very agitated about his position as organizational secretary, where he has to carry on a dozen other jobs and still receive criticism from DAVIS.

12/6/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-1)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-32971)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, NEW ENGLAND
DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION
IS-C
(OO: Boston)

On 12/5/60 [redacted] advised that [redacted] PHIL BART and [redacted] are planning to be in Boston this coming week end, probably in connection with the factional situation involving [redacted] and BART expect to leave NYC on Wednesday (12/7/60) and [redacted] on Saturday (12/10/60). Boston requested to cover their activities while in that city through established sources and informants.

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3-Bureau (100-3-1) (RM)
2-Boston (RM)
1-New York (100-18065) [redacted]
1-New York (100-105078) [redacted]
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-98068) 12/6/60

SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY (414)

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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info Meeting with [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Date received [redacted]

Received by SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY (written)

Original location [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-131439
1 - NY 100-141247
1 - NY 100-137890
1 - NY 100-12959
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-98068 (422)

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November 9, 1960

On [redacted] at 8:30 PM, there was a meeting held at [redacted] NY, by the [redacted] The purpose of this club is for true reppesentation of the community and to fight all year for "Peace, Security, Civil Rights and Community Improvements." There were approximately 25 people present. Among them were [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] was the [redacted] She spoke on the necessity of forming of forming a new club that will go out and fight for the Democratic party but mostly for the people in the community. "The men that are in office now feel they are secure in their jobs so they no longer find it necessary to help the people in their district."

[redacted] spoke more on the setting up of a new club and the work it entails. The invited speaker was [redacted] The text of his speech was to help KENNEDY be elected. The general feeling by all was for Peace at all cost.

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[redacted] asked if anyone could have the next meeting in their home and [redacted] volunteered her home. The meeting is to be held Thursday, November 17, 1960.

[redacted] told [redacted] he was very glad that she came to the meeting. He asked her if she knew [redacted] was and she said, 'Isn't [redacted] He said yes, PHIL BART. He said they would have to see each other another time to discuss things. [redacted] left for home at 11 P.M.

SAC, CHICAGO 12/5/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-98699)

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
IS - C

On 11/17/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTs were the following.

PHIL commented that he had been "chewing the fat" with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT who told him that he had spent some time that day with GENE DENNIS. PHIL then criticized GUS HALL for being away at a crutial time. He said that CLARENCE HATHAWAY had told him there were meetings every night and on Sunday and that HALL's presence at some of them was a necessity if anything was to be accomplished. PHIL commented that he himself has a lot of problems on his hands which he cannot solve without HALL.

He said that he had a serious financial situation which had come to a head that day and which had meant everyone taking half pay including himself. He said the only one that was excluded was GUS. He said that BILL ALBERTSON had been very excited about this and had shouted at him that he was "sick of starving." He said that he finally wound up questionning ALBERTSON if he thought anyone was chiseling extra money for himself or the national office.

2 - Chicago
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON (414)
1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GARRETT) (414)
1 - New York (100-118174) (MILT ROSEN) (414)
1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (415)
1 - New York (100-98699) (415)

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CONNIE then mentioned that she had had lunch with BETTY GANNETT that day and had discussed with her the possibility that BETTY would not be in full time Party leadership in the future. She said that BETTY also commented that she thought that if MILT (ROSEN) were put in an organizational capacity that there would be trouble in the Party from MILT and his "crew." PHIL commented that he was inclined to agree with BETTY on that point.

PHIL then mentioned BEN DAVIS, who, he said, opened the fight at the meeting of the Secretariat this week in his campaign to gain prominence for the next convention. He said that BEN is no national figure and he is attempting to propel himself into the limelight by leading all types of fights against the Party.

CONNIE BART then returned to the subject of MILT ROSEN becoming Organizational Secretary of the New York District and she said that GUS HALL was living in a fool's paradise and that his best social friends are ruining his effectiveness.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-27452)

12/5/60

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

ROBERT THOMPSON
IS - C

On 11/18/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTs were the following.

PHIL asked CONNIE if she had told SYLVIA HALL that he wanted to see BOB THOMPSON. CONNIE said that SYLVIA told her that she expects to spend some time at THOMPSON's new apartment and he at hers but that actually she has not seen him too often as he has been busy setting up his place. She also told PHIL that she had not understood from him that she was to arrange a meeting. PHIL commented that he would get in touch with THOMPSON himself to arrange it. CONNIE commented that she was talking to BILL ALBERTSON who told her that THOMPSON was very restricted in his activities and would not be allowed to come to Brooklyn.

CONNIE then mentioned that she had seen DANNY RUBEE that day and that DANNY told her that in the recent fund drive Manhattan and Industry had "brought in money and Kings County brought in the line." He told her that Manhattan had given $750 and that Industry had contributed

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-100351) (SYLVIA HALL) (424)
1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON (414)
1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
1 - New York (100-26603) (CP - Kings) (422)
1 - New York (100-26603) (CP - Manhattan) (424)
1 - New York (100-132430) (CP - Industrial D.) (42)
1 - New York (100-27452)

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$500. PHIL commented that RUBEL's comment is true in every drive and that you can't deny it. He said that Brooklyn is always trying to keep "its political virginity pure."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (97-169) DATE: 12/5/60

FROM : SA JOHN A. HAAG (#41)

SUBJECT: PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS
IS - C

1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415) (p.2)
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1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415) (p.2)
1 - NY 100-94821 (BERTHA STACHEL) (415) (pg. 2)
1 - NY 100-129629 (BILL ALBERTSON) (414) (pg. 2)
1 - NY 100- [redacted]
1 - NY 100- (DR. HARRY COHEN) (412) (pg. 2)
1 - NY 100- [redacted]
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415) (pg. 2)
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1 - NY 100-133566 [redacted]
1 - NY 100- [redacted] LNU) (WF, used to work for the C.R.C., presently connected with American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born; at 10/21/60 dinner of "The Worker," held at American Russian Center, NYC; per [redacted] (possibly

1 - NY 100- [redacted] LNU) (WF, has her own [redacted] in a New York hotel; at 10/21/60 dinner of "The Worker," held at American Russian Center, NYC; per [redacted] (possibly

1 - NY 100-55159 (EDITH ROSENBERG) (421) (pg. 2)
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NY 97-169

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| Identity of Source | [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal) |
| Description of Info | Dinner under auspices of Worker Advisory Council, 10/21/60, at American-Russian Center, NYC b7D |
| Date Received | 11/4/60 |
| Received by | SA JOHN A. HAAG (written) |
| Original Location | [redacted] |

A copy of informant's written report follows:

NY 97-169

Communist Party U.S.A.
Activities

Oct.26, 1960
New York

Re: The Dinner of "The Worker"

Some 350 people came to the dinner of The Worker which was organized by the Worker advisory council and had the support of the N.Y.C.P. organizations. "The Worker Dinner was held on Oct. 21st, 1960 at the American Russian Center in New York City.

Amoung those who were present at this dinner were: GUS HALL and wife and son; JACK STATCHEL and wife; BILL ALBERTSON; SAM KURTZMAN; DR. (Dentist) HARRY COHEN; LILLY KIRSH; PHIL and CONNIE BART; [redacted] used to work for the C.R.C., presently connected with the American Committee for Foreign-born [redacted] in a New York hotel; EDITH ROSENBERG and her husband; MIMI, AL NAIDICH, FANNIE KLEIN, PAUL and CARRIE SCHRIBER; NAN DICKMAN; CH. HENDLEY; BEN RATNER; SHELTON - negro, S.-E. Bronx press director; HELLEN HOROWITZ; DORA - Williamsbridge (Bronx) Club C.P.; [redacted] BELLA ALTSHULER and her husband HYMAN; SOPHIA (braided); Dr. (Dentist) GLOUBERMAN; ED ROYCE; FANNIE HECHTMAN and DOROTHY ROBINSON were at the door taking cash for tickets to dinner. LOUIS WEINSTOCK was the toastmaster. After the dinner, (cold cuts, salads and wine) LOU WEINSTOCK introduced the "old timers," some 9 communists who were selected as the builders of The Worker. HYMAN, CHARLES HANDLEY and FANNIE KLEIN and SAL were the "old timers" from the Bronx, N.Y. He also introduced AL NAIDICH "the chairman of the Advisory Council; in the months to come you'll hear a lot about the Advisory Council." The first speaker was ERIK BERT, Mang. editor of The Worker.

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BERT spoke about the importance of The Worker which is "a working class newspaper." He also told the meeting that in England and in the U.S.A. "capitalist,

commercial papers are also folding up" and he underlined the importance of building The Worker and start again publishing a "marxist daily newspaper." JOSEP NORTH, foreign editor of The Worker told the meeting about his travels in the "socialist countries where socialism is now established there as a way of life." He said that "I brought regards to you from the people there who are building and strenghthening the socialist system." NORTH stated that "the people who built socialism in the socialist countries are plain people, people like you and if they could do it so can you."

There was a musical skit in which participated: MARVIN STERN, "GEORGE," and a negro pianist.

CARL BRODSKY made the call for contributions.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK told the meeting that he expect to raise here, tonight $4,000 for The Work.

The contribution amounted to $1,352.50. LOU told AL that the contributions plus some pledges and profit from the dinner and that "money will keep up coming in for a couple of weeks after the dinner will give us over $2,000 which is not so bad."

The evening was concluded with the showing of a Chinese colored film on the celebration of 10 years of the Communist revolution in China.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 12/2/60

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-C

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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 11/18/60 |

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 11/18/60, PHIL BART) contacted LIL (ALBERTSON)..asked if she has BOB's (THOMPSON) telephone number..LIL said he doesn't have a phone.. as he's broke..had a couple of jobs, but was kicked out after 1 or 2 days..told PHIL that BOB's address is 210 W. 21st St..thinks it's the 4th or 5th floor.

1-NY (100-27452) (BOB THOMPSON) (415)
1-NY (100-107211) (LIL ALBERTSON) (424)
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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, NEWARK (100-4284E) DATE: 12/2/60

FROM: SA RUSSELL H. HORNER

RE: CP, USA, NEW JERSEY DISTRICT, NEWARK DIVISION, ORGANIZATION IS-C

| Date received | Received from (name or symbol number) | Received by |
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| 10/21/60 | [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past. | SAS [redacted] and JOHN A. HAAG |

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Date of Report: 10/12/60

Date(s) of activity: 10/9/60

Brief description of activity or material

State Conference of the NJ CP.

File where original is located if not attached: [redacted]

Remarks:

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October 12, 1960

A State Conference of the New Jersey District of the Communist Party, USA was held at the Continental Ballroom, Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, on 10/9/60. Present at this affair were WALTER BARRY, JOHN DILLON, LOTTIE GORDON, BOB HAMILTON, ART HEYMAN, MR. and MRS. CHARLES JOHNSON, J. SPENCER KENNARD, RALPH LEFSKY, GERT MANN, DORA and LEW MOROZE, JERRY SCHUCHTER, PAT TOOEHY, and [redacted] PHIL BART was also present from the National Office of the Communist Party, USA. In view of the fact the meeting started rather late, the question arose as to whether they should proceed with the planned agenda, which was a discussion on the ideological dispute, which has arisen subsequent to the National Committee's vote approving the Communist Party-China (CPC), and a discussion concerning Party organizational affairs, such as press, dues, registration, etcetera. It was decided not to penalize the people who had attended and have a two or three hour meeting rather than an all-day affair and to cut the agenda down to fit the time. b6 b7C

TOOHEY gave the first and main talk. As a result of the above, his talk was necessarily brief and general and merely touched the high points of the issue, that is, the views of the Chinese Party on the inevitability of war and their line against peaceful coexistence and the views of the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) expounded in the National Executive Committee favoring the CPSU on this issue. TOOHEY established the fact that the CP, USA's line is decided and established and in accordance with the CPSU and other larger parties throughout the world. In conclusion, he briefly touched on what they could do to spur the peace work in terms of local activity, groups, literature, and work in Sane. TOOHEY also briefly discussed the sharpening situation as reflected in the UN at the present time and stated the future looks as if the fight for peace is going to be accentuated and the Party should proceed in a more energetic direction. He briefly spoke on Cuba and the need for developing some movement and a meeting around this matter in New Jersey. He further reported on a meeting to be held in Newark, New Jersey on October 26, 1960 at the Continental Ballroom, where he stated he would speak. He stated there was a need for the building of a good meeting around this question.

There followed a discussion onmore of an educational discourse and participation by those present.

LOTTIE GORDON spoke next and indicated she still maintains her criticism of the Party and the leadership and expressed her attitude that the Chinese are not entirely incorrect, that the American Party should not go off criticizing the Chinese Party when they have something to show in the way of accomplishments when the CP, USA, can show very little. She favored in an indirect manner the Chinese side of this issue and would not agree with the present CP, USA line.

LEW MOROZE spoke next and appeared to be first for one side and then the other, and saw good in both. He discussed what they might do in activity around the Sane movement, the election campaign in the form of meetings and literature and particularly what they could do around the Cuban situation.

WALTER BARRY spoke along the line of LEW MOROZE. He saw a lot of correctness in the Party position but at the same time a lot of things are happening and have happened to make him pause to consider whether the Chinese do not have some substance to their line, particularly when they review the direction of the American policy and the deteriorating and aggressive state on the part of the United States, French, British, colonists, etcetera. BARRY pointed out what happened in the Congo, the breakup of the Summit Conference and the criticism of the Cuban situation. His talk was in the form of a lecture in which on the one hand he supported the views of the National Party but cast enough doubt on its line to say that he is not fully in support of it. He did not do so in an aggressive or quarrelsome fashion.

DORA MOROZE put the matter more bluntly. She stated she was not convinced that war is not inevitable, and she is not convinced as they state that the progressive forces are strong enough to prevent it. She also stated that she is not convinced about the new discussion they are having about the new epoch in which imperialism is said to have lost its priority and primacy and their side is supposed to come forward as the main side. Imperialism is still the same and can cause wars and is trying to do this.

(DORA MOROZE indicated her views are open whereas LEW MOROZE masked his views in a polite and evasive manner.)

RALPH LEFSKY made a short talk. His talk did not mean much; however, he indicated he is in favor of the CP, USA position.

BOB HAMILTON made a few remarks and stated he thought TOOHEY's report was correct and as far as he could see the fight for coexistence and peace necessarily must be around the line the Party expresses at the present time.

PHIL BART made a long talk. There was nothing new in his remarks with the exception that he quite aggressively backed TOOHEY's talk and stated that TOOHEY had quite correctly put forth the topic and the present Party line. He took issue to DORA MOROZE's speech, which was the opposite from the Party line. With respect to talk about the new epoch, he questioned whether the world and the forces are any different from the time LENIN set forth his teachings.

The world is divided into three equal parts; namely, the Socialist Party of about one billion, the Neutralist Party of about one billion who do not want war and are against Imperialism and the Imperialist Party of also approximately one billion. The last group includes the imperialists and their allies. Hence, there are about two to one and the imperialists are losing. The pro-peace forces have already shown they can halt war; for example, the Suez incident, Lebanon and the Congo situation. BART had the burden of trying to prove there is a new epoch to the detriment of the imperialists. He spoke at length on this subject to prove that war in not inevitable, that imperialism is losing and that socialist forces are predominant. Therefore, war is not inevitable because imperialism can be halted. Halting it, however, cannot be done by words but by mobilizing the masses to effect this. This is what KHRUSHCHEV is doing to achieve this end. He is arousing the people to compel the imperialists to do this.

BART was the last speaker. TOOHEY made a brief summarization. A motion was adopted unanimously to approve TOOHEY's report. The meeting approved the line of the National Committee of the CP, USA on this question. It formally aligns

the New Jersey District on the side of the National Committee and the National Party of the CP, USA on the side of the CPSU. Inferentially this is the result of the motion adopted.

A talk followed on the tightening up of dues, getting the clubs to meet regularly and the continuing of the state fund drive for district finances. DORA MOROZE raised the question that BART had stated the National Committee is starting a fund drive of $25,000 to fight the Mc Carran Act. How will the New Jersey district fund drive coincide with this? At the same time, "The Worker" is launching a special campaign to make up the $25,000 it did not obtain during its last drive. The drive was for $65,000 and they only obtained approximately $35,000 to $45,000, which placed the people in a financial jam.

It was agreed upon that all they could answer now was they were sorry but they had raised their quota toward the National fund drive and could not be expected to send in any more money. The National Office should go after the districts who did not meet their quotas. They will have to contribute toward the fight of the Mc Carran Act; however, the main drive will be for the district fund drive for its own needs first and then what could be done for the other matter would have to be taken up next.

At this meeting, J. SPENCER KENNARD gave LEW MOROZE $30 for his CP dues.

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Brief description of activity or material

Enlarged meeting, North Shore Section, CPUSA, New England District, Lynn, Mass., attended by PHIL BART.

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"On Thurs., [redacted] an enlarged meeting of the N. E. section of the N. E. C. P. was held at the home of [redacted] This meeting was held to meet with a member of the Nat. Committee to discuss [redacted] etc. We had expected [redacted] but instead Phil Bart came in from N. Y.

"Those attending the meeting were as follows: [redacted] & Phil Bart.

"Phil Bart gave a brief resumae of events leading up to his necessity of being there. Such as [redacted] history at the Nat. Committee meetings. His voting almost always [redacted] and even after being outvoted, pushing for his own line - not through proper chanels, but by trying to get the district lined up against party policy and even bring out his line at a public meeting [redacted]

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"He also mentioned the leaflets on Cuba and the one on boycotting the election which [redacted] had sent out in the name of the Party as being agains party plicy, and how ridiculus we (the party) must look to the masses who could read that.

"Bart said the policy on elections by the Nat. Com. was very clear. We did not support either the Dem. or Republican Party but we must work where there were masses of people and try to influence them. Even tho these masses had certain illusions about the Dem. Party.

"Bart spoke of the leaflet on Cuba in which [redacted] had attacked Stevenson. He said at the time the party wasn't backing Stevenson but around him there were masses of people moving for peace and this was the thing we backed not the man but the movement around him. He said peace was the most important issue facing the world today.

"Bart told of how at the last D. C. meeting a motion was made to expell [redacted] this was carried by an [redacted] however it wasn't a two-thirds vote so was ineffective, thus the Nat. Committee had to take some action in the situation. That at this same meeting [redacted] had called and accused the Nat. Committee of being Imperialists, Agents of the F.B.I. and revisionists. Bart said what kind of talk was that. When you had someone make statements like that about the Nat. Committee how could you hope to win new members.

"Bart read a statement from the Nat. Secretariat and signed by [redacted] stating that [redacted] was removed from any [redacted] in the C. P. and he was not to receive [redacted] or have [redacted] That in Dec. a special Nat. meeting would take place to consider the question of [redacted] and his followers.

"Bart said the Nat. Com. had waited perhaps too long in this matter. They had been very patient in the hopes that Homer & his followers would change. That they were guilty of factionalism and irresponsible. That the party needed leadership that was responsible. That [redacted] had been completely irresponsible in his accusations against Comrades in the N. E. district and the Nat. Committee.

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"Bart said he had been to a meeting in Dorchester the night before and in all his years in the party he'd never seen such a performance as had taken place there. It was unbelievable.

"Bart said that [redacted] had seen a [redacted] and asked his assistance in getting [redacted] to turn over to him [redacted] for the party. This after it was voted not to do [redacted] until the question of leadership in the district was settled.

"Bart asked what kind of business was this 'Comrades in the party you didn't go to a lawyer you took things up through proper chanells. You didn't take things up outside the party.'

"Bart also said when Krucheve was at the U. N. that [redacted] had sent him a telegram that was somewhat more then greetings, it also accused the Nat. Com. of being factional etc.

"Bart was asked if he had seen the telegram. Bart assured us he knew what he was talking about. That while Mr. K. was here, he had attended a reception for him along with others of the Nat. Committee.

[redacted] had said he thought that greetings were to be sent to Mr. K.)

[redacted] who was [redacted] gave the floor next to [redacted] who answered Phil Bart. b7D

[redacted] said never before had the Nat. Committee taken such steps against a leading Comrade. That it was entirely unwarrented. That why hadn't the Nat. Com. set up a controll Commission such as he had done in the district. Where a comrade in this section (North Shore) had been reviewed and finially the situation solved. That he had done that. That both [redacted] had said it needed doing and then refused to sign a complaint. That was what he had to contend with in the district. That if he hadn't [redacted] it still wouldn't be solved.

"Then there was the matter of the [redacted] said he was being opposed by people in the district who never did anything and couldn't stand to see him do anything. That the whole trouble was the type of leadership we'd had in this district for the past twenty-five years. Thatswhy nothing was being done.

[redacted] didn't think we should be too ready to vote against him. That he had the support of the Armenian group and other sections.

"Phil Bart said 'Past performance was never an excuse for present wrecking.' Also that [redacted] didn't know what support he had or didn't have. The Armenian Comrades & other Comrades would decide that.

[redacted] baited Bart to tell who they (Nat. Com.) would propose for D. O.

"Phil Bart said he couldn't do that. That it would be up to the members of this district to decide that.

[redacted] again asked Bart who they wanted as D. O. if [redacted] went.

"Bart restated it would be up to the members to propose new leadership.

"People were asked to comment.

[redacted] spoke first. Saying she was one of the original ones to vote for [redacted] He had the passion the job demanded and she thought he was sincere. That she remembered him comming home from the Nat. Convention and stating we had one Party, one Plicy and one direction. That it left one with a feeling of finally being wanted, and she thought a D. O. helped impliment Nat. Policy in a district- that this was his function. But this didn't happen - suddenly Homer trys to implement policy that is in complete contradiction to Nat. Policy and she felt she would have to vote with the Nat. Committee. She did think tho that the Nat. Committee should reconsider [redacted] She thought his family should be considered and some means provided to give him [redacted] She told [redacted] that in the matter of her status on the North Shore she didn't think he had any right to claim solving that situation. That at an executive board meeting he'd left her with the impression that nothing could be done and that he had no intention of doing anything about it. That if he'd given her even one little ray of hope that he'd solve it, she never would have called in [redacted] And it was only after she called in Comrade [redacted] and wanted to place a charge of incompetancy against [redacted] that any action to solve it was taken by [redacted] She didn't think [redacted] had any right to claim credit for solving that situation. But of course this was how [redacted] operated. She'd like to point out that when [redacted] had suggested some one else for Nat. Committee we all wondered why she had because [redacted] had received the unanimous endorsement of the N. E. Convention. [redacted] didn't say anything bad about [redacted] nevertheless he had made an issue out of this. At the same time he had tried to get [redacted] elected to the D. C. when he knew it was against the wishes of the North Shore section and in fact was doing the very thing he'd

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questioned and criticized [redacted] for. This was typical of what [redacted] continuously did.

[redacted] spoke saying this all was the results of doing away with monolithic unity at the 16th Nat. Convention. That eventually things would straighten out.

[redacted] said there was some reason for people feeling there was beauracy in the Nat. Committee but there was no excuse for [redacted] to attack the Nat. Committee as he had. She felt he was done as a D. O. There were too many people he couldn't get along with.

[redacted] attacked the Nat. Committee asking what right they had to [redacted] and why did they come in and cause trouble?

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[redacted] said we were all agreed that [redacted] had to go as D. O. That for a long time on the North Shore hardly any one has been able to work with [redacted] The big argument was whether the Anti-monopoly coalition position of the Nat. Com. was correct or whether [redacted] thinking that we now were in a revolutionary era was correct. If the anti-monopoly coalition line was correct then [redacted] was wrong. If [redacted] line was correct then the anti-monopoly position was wrong. For himself he thought the anti-monopoly coalition position was correct at this time and so he would have to oppose [redacted] line.

[redacted] said he'd tryed [redacted] line on boycott on a couple guys in his shop & they had looked at him as if he was crazy. He said most of the guys in his shop were workers & had a prefference for Kennedy. He couldn't see any thing wrong with the Nat. Policy line and would support the Nat. Com. He thought Homer was wrong to try to develop a line in the District that opposed the Nat. line.

[redacted] made a motion to uphold the action of the Secretariet in [redacted] from [redacted] said he would second it providing he be allowed to make a motion that [redacted] This to be a recommendation to the board to consider.

[redacted] said Phil could make the motion.

[redacted] motion was carried - tho Phil, [redacted] voted [redacted] abstained the rest voting for it.

"There was unanimous agreement on Phils motion that the board consider [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] he wouldn't have [redacted] said she didn't want to give [redacted] a chance to be a marytr and talk about the party. [redacted] said he'd do plenty of talking about both himself and [redacted]

"About the money Phil Bart said any Club or District or individual had the right to have a reserve fund or money to loan if they wished apart from party funds. [redacted] had told him she had been a contributor to the reserve fund and it was set up for an emergency in case any of our leadership had to go underground again and not for [redacted] salery or bookstore. That contributions to it had come from people who did their share for the party & wanted to do more and could see a need for such a fund. It never was supposed to be used for day to day party business. b6 b7C b7D

"Bart said [redacted] by the use of inundos and phrase mongering had done great harm to the party.

[redacted] said the question was could we any longer afford to have [redacted] as a D. O. Not just moneywise but in other ways we just couldn't afford him any more."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

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[redacted] attended an [redacted] of the [redacted] section of the Communist Party held at the home of [redacted]

"Those attending were [redacted] Phil Bart, [redacted] said that he expected every comrade to show courtesy to other comrades in allowing others to speak without interruptions.

[redacted] said that comrade Bart had asked to speak first and he was allowing him to do so and after that any members could ask for the floor.

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"Bart told of the events leading up to the letter by the Secretariat and his being there.

"Bart told of [redacted] actions at National Committee meetings and his usually [redacted] on issues at those meetings. Bart told of how [redacted] had worked for his own policy on elections against National policy and had even vowed his policy at a public meeting.

"Bart brought up the action of [redacted] sending out a leaflet [redacted] Stevenson.

"Bart told of how at the last meeting of the New England D. C. [redacted] had accused the National Committee of being agents of Imperialism, agents of the FBI and revisionists.

"Bart said that we can not work with either Party. He said we must work where the masses are and influence them.

"Bart told of how at the last D. C. meeting a motion to [redacted] as [redacted] which was not a two-thirds vote which prompted action by the National Committee.

"Bart read a letter signed by [redacted] which said that [redacted] no longer is [redacted] in the Communist Party and will not [redacted] from the Party from this time.

"Bart told how [redacted] had seen [redacted] and tried in this way to get the money that [redacted]

"Bart told of the irresponsible action in his accusations about people in New England districts.

"Bart said at a meeting the previous night in Dorchester he had never seen such a performance before or heard the things he had heard by [redacted]

[redacted] said that never before had the National Committee taken such steps as they were taking in his case.

[redacted] told of how he had [redacted] in New England. He said he was responsible for a comrade on the North Shore being reviewed and the situation finally solved.

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[redacted] said that both [redacted] had said this needed doing but both had refused to sign a complaint.

[redacted] said that [redacted] he was being opposed by people in the district who never did anything and couldn't stand seeing him accomplishing something.

[redacted] said the leadership in New England has been very poor for the last 25 years.

[redacted] said we should not be too ready to vote against him - that he has the support of the Armenian rank and others.

"Bart said that [redacted] does not know of such support for him.

[redacted] asked Bart who the National Committee would propose as [redacted]

"Bart said he could not answer that. He said it would be up to the New England members to do that.

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[redacted] said she had been one to vote to have [redacted] She said [redacted] had the desire and she thought he was sincere.

[redacted] said she had felt that the work of the D. O. was to see that the National policy was carried out but Homer has been making his own policy.

[redacted] said that in his status she could not give [redacted] credit for solving the problem. She said that an executive board meeting left him with the impression that nothing could be done and that there was no intention of doing anything about it.

[redacted] said that it was only after she had called in [redacted] that the matter was solved. She said that the fact she had wanted to place a charge of incompency against [redacted] played a part in solving the matter.

[redacted] said there were reasons for people believing there was burocracy in the National Committee but [redacted] had no right to attack them as he had. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said she feels [redacted] is all done as a [redacted] because there are too many people he can not get along with. [redacted] attacked the National Committee and asked Bart what right they had to [redacted] and why they came in and caused trouble.

[redacted] said that [redacted] had to go as [redacted] He said that for a long time hardly anyone on the North Shore had been able to work with [redacted]

[redacted] said that the big question is whether the anti-monopoly coalition position of the National Committee was correct or whether [redacted] thinking that we now are in a revolutionary era is correct.

[redacted] said that if the anti-monopoly coalition line is correct then [redacted] is wrong. He said that if [redacted] line is correct then the National Committee is wrong.

[redacted] said he had tried out the boycott policy in his shop by asking a few workers if they would not vote for either presidential candidates and they had looked at him as if he was crazy. [redacted] said it was obvious that this line was wrong as all the workers in his shop had a preference in the election.

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[redacted] said that the majority of the workers in his shop were for Kennedy.

[redacted] made a motion that we uphold the action of the Secretariat in sending out the letter on Homer.

[redacted] said he would second that motion if he would be allowed to make another motion to pay [redacted] and [redacted] This to be a recommendation to the D. C.

[redacted] said he would grant Phil that right.

"Phil, [redacted] motion; [redacted] abstained and the rest voted for it.

"The vote on Phil's motion was unanimous in favor."

All necessary action has been taken with respect to information furnished above.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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Description of info Enlarged NYSCP Committee meeting

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A copy of informant's report follows:

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On 11/5/60 an enlarged State Committee meeting, New York State Communist Party, took place at Adelphi Hall in New York City.

The meeting consisted mainly in a report by GUS HALL on the subject of the current evaluation of the Party. HALL spoke for a matter of some three hours during which he criticized the New York Communist Party for not properly undertaking its vanguard role in current matters. He said that various sections are not moving and that some sections are not following the dictates of the 17th National Convention.

HALL made several proposals among which were:

(1) Raise $10,000 for the Worker.
(2) Conduct a press drive from 1/15/61 - 3/15/61.
(3) Undertake activities in the following areas of concentration:
    (a) Waterfront
    (b) Transportation
    (c) Negro and Puerto Rican work.

HALL advised the group that there is too much leadership in the state organization; that the leadership is too far removed from the section activity. He called for another meeting to make recommendations regarding this situation.

The following persons were among about 100 or 125 persons present:

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| ALONZO GUYTON | GUS HALL |
| CLARENCE HATHAWAY | BILL ALBERTSON |
| LOU WEINSTOCK | PHIL BART |

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
EVELYN WEINER
MILT ROSEN
PAUL SCHWARTZ
BILL STANLEY
HAROLD COLLINS
MARVIN MARKMAN
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MORTY SHEER
TED BASSETT
DANNY RUBEL
BETTY GANNETT
EMMA ELLSWORTH
JACK WEISS
OSCAR APPEL
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WILL BROMS
AGNES WILLIS

MIMI FRIEDLANDER
IDA POSNER
PAUL ROBESON, JR.
MILLIE EDELMAN
REVECCA LERNER
HATTIE LUMPKIN
MILT ANTHOPOLOUS (Youth)
ESTHER CANTOR
LEONARD HERSCHMAN
ARTHUR KNIGHT
JIM TORMEY
CONNIE BART
ANN FRIEDLANDER
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LEO RABOUINE
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During the course of the meeting EMIL SHAW got up and criticised TORMEY for a lack of leadership in Brooklyn. He wanted to know what the Educational Director (CONNIE BART) had done or was doing in her job. He stated that there was no leadership in Brooklyn and that meetings were not going well.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [redacted] DATE: November 28, 1960

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

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UNSUB; NEGRO WOMAN SECRETARY (2)
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SECURITY MEASURES (3,4,5,7)

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (6,9)
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UNSUB; WOMAN MAKING CHECKS (2,9,10)

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9 - Baltimore

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"Baltimore, Maryland
November 7, 1960

"The following report concerns contacts between various CP members at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, on November 4, 1960.

[redacted] CP Steel Club member, Maryland - D. C. CP District, [redacted] CP District Board member, and CP National Committee member, at about 6:00 a.m. The [redacted] of [redacted] of the Maryland - D. C. District and an NEC member, at about 6:25 p.m. and the [redacted] to New York City in [redacted]

[redacted] commented that there had been an article in the paper the previous evening which showed that the men who had participated in the Henderson, North Carolina textile strike had received ten years imprisonment. [redacted] said this showed the type of pressure that could be placed on Party members. [redacted] said that these men were framed.

[redacted] then borrowed $5 from [redacted] for personal use and suggested that [redacted] pay all the expenses [redacted] and that he would be reimbursed at a later date.

The [redacted] in New York City about 10:30 a.m. and parked between 6th and 7th Avenue. They then walked to Party Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, about a block away.

After entering the building they went to The Worker office where they were greeted by LOUIS WEINSTOCK, GEORGE MORRIS, and a Negro woman secretary. b7D

The [redacted] where they met a young white female with blonde hair who greeted JOHNSON.

MEYERS then contacted a woman who was working at a desk typing out checks and through her contacted GUS HALL, CP General Secretary, by telephone and arranged to meet with HALL at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon.

IRVING POTASH then came out of an office, greeted them, and

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[redacted] asked GREEN what had happened at the Chicago CP meeting held October 9, 1960.

MEYERS, GREEN, JOHNSON and POTASH then went to the latter's office.

MEYERS then asked to be excused and left them.

ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG then came into POTASH's office for a few minutes and then left.

Upon inquiry from POTASH, GREEN described CP activities with regard to the NALC in Baltimore.

POTASH then asked about the October 9, 1960, trip to Chicago. GREEN replied that the meeting had been useless and that was the reason he was in New York.

JOHNSON then said that he wanted to get some NALC literature from up around 125th Street and at the suggestion of POTASH left immediately.

POTASH then asked what was wrong with JOHNSON. When GREEN said he did not understand POTASH said that CP Headquarters was "covered" 24 hours a day and that JOHNSON, who had just finished school and was in steel should be more careful.

GREEN said that he and MEYERS had talked to JOHNSON who felt that he had nothing to lose since he was young and unmarried and was willing to take risks.

They then talked more about the October 9, 1960, meeting in Chicago and POTASH said that he would like to sit in the 1:00 conference with GUS HALL.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE then entered and POTASH excused himself.

WEINSTONE after asking GREEN how things were going in Baltimore asked if the young student (CHARLES JOHNSON) had held educational classes since returning to Baltimore. GREEN said no.

WEINSTONE then commented that he thought JOHNSON's appearance at CP headquarters was dangerous and that he

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should not be exposing himself so boldly.

GREEN then said that JOHNSON was young, had not been in the Party very long and probably felt that he had little to lose since he had dedicated himself to the Party.

WEINSTONE then commented that GREEN had a better understanding of JOHNSON since he knew him better. He then stopped and shrugged his shoulders.

WEINSTONE then told GREEN that he had conducted some of the educational classes attended by CHARLES JOHNSON towards the end of August and the beginning of September and that JOHNSON did not appear to him to have grasped "basic concepts".

GREEN then said that the men in New York had been in the CP a long time and that JOHNSON was young and had not been exposed to Marxist-Leninist teachings.

WEINSTONE then brought out some reports written by JOHNSON while attending the CP leadership school which had been reviewed by four teachers. Three of the teachers had marked the papers favorably but WEINSTONE who was the fourth teacher had written the word "Why" and "?" on the paper.

WEINSTONE then asked GREEN whether he read much and GREEN said not as much as he would like to read but did review The Worker, Political Affairs and other CP literature sent from headquarters.

WEINSTONE then mentioned that he had written an article pertaining to peaceful co-existence in last week's Worker which GREEN said that he had reviewed.

WEINSTONE then walked over to a blackboard and wrote "Have you been notified that you are supposed to be in New York November 12 for national leadership school?" and then said aloud, "Is this the reason you are here now?"

GREEN pointed to the first question and said this was the first he had heard of it and then to the last question saying

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that he was here for other purposes.

WEINSTONE then looked surprised and asked why GREEN hadn't been informed. GREEN said he didn't know.

After having a sandwich together WEINSTONE took a booklet out from his desk entitled "Fundamental Principles of Marxism-Leninism." He asked GREEN if he had seen it before. GREEN said no. WEINSTONE looked surprised and said he didn't understand since it had been sent to Baltimore.

WEINSTONE then said that "this is the oil to get the engine in motion." He then said further that "this is what I meant when I said basic conception."

GREEN then said that this booklet was apparently designed to give the comrades clear knowledge of the Marxist-Leninist approach and how to advance the broad struggle. WEINSTONE said that that was it.

GREEN then said that there would be educational classes held in Baltimore soon and that he would talk to MEYERS and order 10 copies. WEINSTONE replied that that was what he liked to hear.

WILLIAM PATTERSON then entered and shook hands with GREEN and asked if he was from Baltimore. GREEN said yes. PATTERSON then said he wanted to talk to him.

IRVING POTASH then returned and said he would like to talk to GREEN. WILLIAM PATTERSON said he wanted to talk first.

As PATTERSON and GREEN were walking out, HYMAN LUMER, CP National Educational Secretary, walked up and said he wanted to see GREEN.

GREEN said he was going to talk to PATTERSON and then was to have a meeting with GUS HALL.

LUMER then said he wanted to see GREEN before the latter left.

PATTERSON and GREEN then went to the second floor to an office. PATTERSON went to a cabinet and took out a letter

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folder containing printed material and some written pages.

PATTERSON asked the general feeling of the comrades with regard to the United Nations sessions attended by KHRUSHCHEV. GREEN replied that no open discussion had been held but that the talk of the comrades in Baltimore indicated that they were in line with KHRUSHCHEV's thinking. He then said that he felt that most people he talked to in Baltimore were interested in peace.

PATTERSON then pointed out that the next meeting of the National Negro Commission was to be held November 19-20, 1960, in New York. GREEN said that he had received a notice.

PATTERSON then said that he had been assigned to a number of things since his return from a visit to the Soviet Union and satellite countries where he had been given a general picture of conditions. He said one of these assignments had been to work closely with the African delegates attending the United Nations sessions while KHRUSHCHEV was in New York. He then added that he is still working with African delegates left at the United Nations.

PATTERSON pointed out that it was impossible to divide the Negro struggle for rights in the United States from the struggle for rights put out by the native Africans. He said he planned to put a lot of emphasis on this at the National Negro Commission meeting.

PATTERSON said that at the last National Committee meeting there had been talk of setting up an organization similar to the African-American Heritage all over the country. He said it might not be agreeable to use the same name but it would be all the same cause.

JOHNSON entered at that point and the conversation ceased.

The three then discussed the National Negro Commission meeting and talked about coming in early to hold additional conferences.

HYMAN LUMER then took GREEN to LUMER's office. Shortly afterwards HERBERT APTHEKER came in and spoke to him.

APTHEKER asked LUMER whether he would see him that evening

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"at the same place" or "should we change it." LUMER said he would see APTHEKER later but it would probably be the same place.

APTHEKER then left. GREEN then told APTHEKER about the October 29, 1960, Steel Club meeting at Baltimore and what discussions had been held.

After this discussion ended LUMER wrote, "Are you ready for school?" GREEN indicated that he did not understand.

LUMER then wrote, "You are supposed to attend a national leadership school for four weeks as of November 12."

When GREEN still indicated he knew nothing of it, LUMER asked whether GREEN had not discussed it with GEORGE MEYERS. GREEN said no.

After a few minutes MEYERS came by and was called in by LUMER who asked him about GREEN attending the school. MEYERS looked nervous and said he thought he had raised the question but perhaps GREEN hadn't heard him.

LUMER then stared at MEYERS and said he couldn't understand. MEYERS didn't answer.

LUMER then asked GREEN what about the school. GREEN replied that the time was awfully short and that he had many things to consider such as the probable loss of his job, the fact that he had little money and a family to support.

LUMER then asked whether GREEN could attend a school starting November 21, 1960. GREEN replied that he would discuss it with MEYERS and would then write LUMER.

LUMER then said to do it immediately and then drew a dollar sign on a piece of paper, pointed to it and said to MEYERS that if this was the problem, it was "no problem."

LUMER then wrote "place to stay" and said "that's no problem." MEYERS said O. K.

GREEN then said that it had come too fast and said he would have to think about it. LUMER replied that it would have to

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be done fast.

GREEN then said that if he had to go he wanted to make it clear that his hearing was poor and that his writing was not perfect. LUMER replied that he should not worry about that and that he was sure that the school would be of future value to GREEN and that he would not regret it.

LUMER then wrote "12-2" and said to MEYERS, "Would this be a good time for the educational classes?" MEYERS said yes.

LUMER asked how the discussion would be carried on and suggested that MEYERS lead part of the discussion and he part.

LUMER then asked what they should discuss at the classes. MEYERS replied that they had to consider that a number of the comrades in Baltimore read the Bible and some way would have to be found so that there would be no conflict. LUMER said that didn't matter.

LUMER then wrote, "Do you read Bible?" and pointed to GREEN. GREEN said no but his family did.

LUMER then said he was just interested in GREEN. GREEN said he had no religion. LUMER smiled and said that that was fine.

LUMER then said that he would be in Baltimore December 2, 1960, and would start classes to last four days beginning December 3, 1960.

LUMER then wrote "Don't forget school," and showed it to GREEN just before GREEN left.

MEYERS, JOHNSON and GREEN then went to the office of GUS HALL where they sat down.

HALL said that BEN DAVIS was on vacation and would not be present but that he had spoken to him yesterday by phone.

GREEN then handed HALL CP dues money which had been given

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to GREEN by ARCHIE NESTER, CP member from Richmond, Virginia, October 30, 1960.

PHIL BART entered and handed a letter to GUS HALL which after reading HALL explained was a letter from KHRUSHCHEV thanking him for presents KHRUSHCHEV had received from the Party while he was in New York City. HALL explained that the Party had given KHRUSHCHEV and other members of KHRUSHCHEV's group some black wallets containing small notebooks.

After BART left WEINSTONE entered and said that a woman was waiting to see HALL and that she was from Louisiana.

After WEINSTONE left GREEN told of the October 9, 1960, meeting in Chicago. JOHNSON then added some comments.

MEYERS then started to give his comments.

While MEYERS was talking HALL put aside the piece of paper upon which he had been making notes and instructed them, temporarily interrupting MEYERS, that when they got back to Baltimore they should write a letter with the facts set out and address it to him with criticism as sharp as they can make it. He said he planned to present this letter to the Secretariat and make recommendations for action.

HALL said that the NALC was too valuable an organization for leading comrades into the Party to receive poor handling. He said he intended to have an answer from the persons responsible for the failure of the October 9, 1960, meeting and said that even if CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had been sick and could not be present he should have at least notified the group. He then said that he felt GREEN's approach was correct and that the October 9, 1960, meeting should not have discussed the NALC but Party policy with regard to the NALC.

As MEYERS continued to speak HALL folded a piece of note paper upon which he had written something and passed it to GREEN. GREEN read it and returned it to HALL who then burned it.

HALL then said that he was busy and the meeting broke up.

At this point the woman secretary mentioned before who had been making out checks came in and handed MEYERS an

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envelope.

JOHNSON and GREEN then left while MEYERS continued to talk to HALL.

GREEN then talked to POTASH briefly about the October 9, 1960, meeting in Chicago.

POTASH said he didn't know much about it and understood that it had been handled by BEN DAVIS, JAMES JACKSON and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. He said they wanted him to attend but he thought that it would be of little value since he knew very little about the organization. He said to GREEN that he was sorry to hear what had happened and assured him it would not happen again.

GREEN then asked MEYERS who had just returned about ordering the booklet, "Fundamental Principles of Marxism-Leninism" and they then ordered ten copies from POTASH.

MEYERS, GREEN, JOHNSON and POTASH then went to a restaurant on 5th Avenue between 26th and 27th Streets on the East side.

While they were eating POTASH asked who he should communicate wit regarding steel at Baltimore. MEYERS said to contact him.

POTASH then asked about whom he should contact with regard to NALC and MEYERS said to write to GREEN.

After eating the group separated at about 3:30 p.m."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)(402) DATE: 11/23/60

FROM: SA [redacted]

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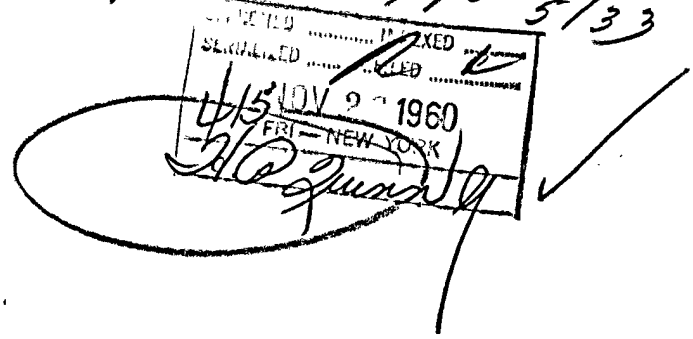
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On 11/6/60, [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, (Conceal) made available a 16 page typewritten report of a CP meeting, held under the name "Progressive Labor Forum," on [redacted] from 10 am to 5 pm at Academy Hall, Room 16E, 853 Broadway, NYC. [redacted] identified the captioned subject as present at this meeting.

The original report of [redacted] covering the 11/6/60, meeting may be located as [redacted]

It is noted NY 3058-S*, who was in a position to furni: reliable information, (Conceal) advised on 11/5/60, that an enlarged meeting of the New York District Communist Party (NYD,CP) Committee was held that date in New York City, and the major portion of the meeting was devoted to a report delivered by [redacted] CP,USA, concerning problems confronting the NYD,CP.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560) 12/6/60

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

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On 11/23/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNEE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTs were the following.

PHIL complained about the financial headaches he was presently having at the national office and the fact that he has to worry about the money problems. He said he was sick and tired of it and was going to let GUS HALL do some of the worrying in the future. He said he was going to tell HALL that maybe he should go out and raise some money.

He continued that New York State was going to need $10,000 next week and that BILL ALBERTSON was crazy if he thought the national office was going to come up with it. He then complained about a 45 dollar bill he had received for photographs taken of GUS HALL and that JESUS COLON had also requested money for Spanish newspapers. He said that he told COLON that he should go out and raise some of the money himself from the Puerto Ricans.

PHIL said that everybody was looking for money and he spent Monday going over bank books with MARY KAUFMAN and on Tuesday he spent time with JOHN ABT trying to figure what they will have left over after the testimonial dinner for him. He said he was going to let GUS handle

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1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (414)
1 - New York (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN) (415)
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some of this stuff as its driving him crazy. He said the Party owes $20,000 in bills and he is supposed to worry about meeting them. He commented that for 35 years there has been a rule in the Party that dues money is not to be touched and that rule is going to be kept as long as he has any responsibility. He said they don't get any dues at the national level from Illinois or California because that's the way it's been set up. He continued that the Party used to pay $5,000 a year social security tax when he took over his present position but now its up to $10,000. He said they have increased $20,00 a year in wages and that HALL spends money very foolishly having bought a car which he certainly did not need.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-15946) 12/5/60

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

JIM TORMEY
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On 11/22/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTs were the following.

The source advised that CONNIE BART mentioned that she had seen JIM TORMEY that day and that he had said that he was going to bring ARNOLD JOHNSON up on charges in the Party. PHIL commented that this must have been what BETTY GANNETT was raving about when she came to the office today and that TORMEY is merely playing politics and is very naive if he thinks he can get away with that.

CONNIE stated that JIM TORMEY is a "double dealing dog" and is sneaky and underhanded. She said that when she left him today he said he wasn't going to Brooklyn but now she found out that he expects to be over this evening. She continued that she believes she will speak to CLARENCE HATHAWAY about TORMEY and that she doesn't know how to deal with him because of his above actions. PHIL replied that this won't do any good as CLARENCE has enough headaches without her giving him any more.

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CONNIE said that she had told JIM that the Brooklyn organization should have carried on an ideological fight and could have done so without being accused of factionalism. She said that JIM told her that they had carried on such a fight but that it was not possible to do so any longer without becoming involved in a factional dispute. He said he had tried this in Queens in the past and had been unsuccessful.

He said in talking with TORMEY he mentioned a district meeting in which ARNOLD JOHNSON had delivered the report that day. JIM apparently was the first speaker and when he addressed the meeting, he accused JOHNSON of being the instigator of all the problems and based his accusation on JOHNSON's very report. He said that on the basis of this he was going to bring JOHNSON up on charges for deviation from the CP line.

The BARTs then discussed the possibility of having a number of friends in for open house during the Christmas holidays. Among those mentioned was IRVING POTASH. PHIL commented that POTASH was presently then in Chicago.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) 12/1/60

SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

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NY 2010-S* has reported that on 11/3/60, PHIL BART cancelled a reservation for meeting space at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Ave., NYC. BART said he had found a place "downtown, over on the East Side."

1-NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY (100-80641)

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: 12/2/60

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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| Identity of Informant | NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase) |
| Characterization | Who has furnished reliable information in the past |
| Date | 11/23/60 |

NY 1749-S* advised that on 11/23/60, (PHIL BART) contacted IZZY (ISADORE WOFSY). PHIL said he is not going in to the office today - is under the weather - was in yesterday, but had to come home; said he did a number of things there yesterday - asked if IZZY was going in. IZZY said yes; and that he'll stop in the office and see "her." PHIL said he left a number of things there for IZZY to go over - and suggested IZZY see BILL ALBERTSON downstairs. PHIL said that he and ALBERTSON were up all evening night before last at BILL's house going over a number of things. PHIL said they have moved very little, but there's more stuff there in case anything is needed - reservations and so on. PHIL said they (he and BILL ALBERTSON) went over all the details - including reaching more people - and they put somebody on the telephone and put the telephone number in the ad this week so people can reach it - through the ad in this week's "Freiheit Worker" and "(The) Guardian."

PHIL remarked - GUS (HALL) is back - came back yesterday - I haven't seen him yet - he was very tired and didn't come in yesterday, but is coming in this morning. IZZY will probably see GUS today. PHIL said he is going out now, but will be back home later - is doing a bunch of things today from home, so IZZY could call PHIL at home if anything comes up. IZZY said he'd probably see PHIL next week. PHIL stated that BILL (ALBERTSON) is going out this morning to check on a number of things - and would probably have this information by the time IZZY gets down there.

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1-NY (100-19679) (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
1-NY (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (414)
1-NY (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-NY (100-56579)

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12/1/60

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(OO: NY)

NY 1750-S* advised on 11/30/60, that subject stated he expected to go to Boston the following Wednesday or Thursday (December 7-8). Source was unable to furnish any further information regarding trip, however, Boston will be immediately given any further details developed.

3 - Bureau (100-3284)(RM)
2 - Boston (RM)
1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL NY

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-56579)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS-C; SA-40; ISA-50
(OO: NY)

NY 2390-S* advised 11/30/60, that during a meeting of the National CP Secretariat that day, at CP Headquarters, GUS HALL announced that they were going to have to release the subject from his present duties for 30 days to work on organization in the Boston area. BART said he would leave on December 7 in order to be there for the December 11th State Convention.

Further developments regarding this matter will be promptly furnished the Bureau and Boston.

3 - Bureau (100-3284)(NI)
2 - Boston (RI)
1 - NY (100-56579)(413)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-69) 12/1/60

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
IS - C

Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info [redacted]

Date received 11/16/60

Received by SA [redacted] - Newark
SA JOHN A. HAAG - New York
(orally)

Original location [redacted]

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was dictated by SA JOHN A. HAAG to [redacted] on 11/17/60, transcribed on 11/21/60, and authenticated by informant on 11/30/60.

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

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2 - Bureau (100-69) (RM)
2 - Boston (100- ) (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (RM)
(1 - 100- [redacted])
1 - Newark [redacted] (RM)
1 - [redacted]
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION) (415)

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November 16, 1960

On [redacted] at Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) Headquarters, Phil Bart stated that a week before he had been to Boston and had met with the New England CP District leadership. He advised that he went there with authority to remove [redacted] He also had authority to withdraw the charter of the New England District, depriving them of all recognition and authority. b7D

He, in effect, overthrew the New England District CP Committee on the authority of the CP, USA National Secretariat. Bart related that the National Office will select an interim committee to operate the New England District. He said that steps were taken to plan to reconstruct and reorganize the CP of New England.

From Bart's conversation, it was apparent that he had a rough time since he acted against the wishes of a majority of the New England District. He superceded the authority of the District and, while there is nothing in the CP, USA Constitution to permit this, the National Office directed that it be done anyway.

The entire matter is to come before the National Committee of the CP, USA, at its next meeting.

It is felt that it is a foregone conclusion that [redacted] will not get even one vote on his behalf from the National Committee. There is the possibility of arguments as to the constitutionality of the National Office's action, but [redacted] has so alienated himself that he will get no support politically.

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What is left of the Party in New England represents the minority and the least effective group there. The New England District will be a very weak setup led by the less experienced, less confident members, but will present a leadership which is totally obedient to and uncritical of the National Office.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-[redacted])  11/29/60

SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY

[redacted]
SI-C

Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info Meeting with [redacted]

Date Received 11/22/60

Received By SA JOSEPH T. QUIGLEY

Original Location [redacted] written

A copy of informant's written report follows.

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1-NY 100-137090
1-NY 100-141247
1-NY 100-12559
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
1-NY 100-98068 (422)

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Nov. 20, 19[illegible]

On [redacted] at [illegible] P.M., a meeting was held by [redacted] with [redacted] at [redacted]

The purpose of this meeting was to determine what cause of action should be taken at the meeting of the "Glenwood Independent Democrats" of the 1st A.D. Brooklyn.

[redacted] and the [redacted] discussed their mutual friends in the Communist Party. [redacted] told [redacted] that he attended a union school with the possibility of becoming a union official. At that time he was told to curtail his activities in the left movement. He and his wife should not join the party but could partake in certain organizations and meetings. However now, there is no possibility for [redacted] to become an official because they suspect his being affiliated with the Communist Party.

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[redacted] remarked that most of the meetings that they attended were in Manhattan, but it has become a hardship to always travel. She said they would now like to become active in Brooklyn and try and help [redacted] build up the Party again. It would also be easier to work as a unit in other organizations with other party members. This way, "Progressive thinking people would not conflict with each other."

[redacted] said that he would speak to [redacted] PHIL BART about [redacted] the Party. The meeting ended at 10:3[illegible] P.M.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284) 11/29/60

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; ISA-50; SA-40
(Weekly Summary 11/21-27/60)
CINAL
(OO: New York)

11/21/60

NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE, commented to him that morning that she had heard the subject and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT discussing GUS HALL the previous evening. The subject stated that they had been talking about when HALL would be returning to New York, and both had commented there was not much that could be done around the National Office without HALL being present.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife told him that she had had lunch that day with JIM TORMEY, who had told her that GUS HALL had returned to NY. She said that TORMEY told her that he was going to bring up ARNOLD JOHNSON on charges. The subject scoffed at this and said that TORMEY is merely playing politics when he talks like that.

CONNIE BART continued that ARNOLD JOHNSON had apparently made a report that day and was followed by TORMEY as the first speaker. She said TORMEY apparently accused JOHNSON of being an instigator and based this on the facts in the report. She said TORMEY said that he was going to bring JOHNSON up on charges for deviation from the Party line. Subject said that TORMEY knows very little about the situation and will not get anywhere with this approach.

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1 - NY (100-56579)(415)

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Subject then stated that he was very busy in connection with the memorial dinner for JOHN ABT and that he had a number of things to do in connection with making it a success. He said he doubted very much if he would be able to go to Boston this weekend because of his connection with this affair. Subject also stated that he had felt ill that day at the office and had gone upstairs to lie down in order to avoid seeing anyone. He said that he may not go to the office the following morning and would quite possibly give something to CONNIE for her to give to JOE NORTH. The BARTS then discussed JIM TORMEY and BETTY GANNETT and CONNIE was very critical of TORMEY. She called him a "double-dealing sneak" and thinks that she may have to speak to CLARENCE HATHAWAY about him. The subject commented that CLARENCE had enough troubles without taking on one of CONNIE'S headaches and that it probably would not do any good anyway. CONNIE commented that in her recent meeting with TORMEY she had told him she thought that the Kings County CP could have carried on an ideological fight without being accused of factionalism. She said TORMEY said that he actually carried on such a fight but that it was not possible to pursue it without becoming involved in a factional dispute. He told her that he had once tried that when he was in Queens and that it had not worked.

PHIL then commented that IRVING POTASH was then in Chicago and that GUS HALL had wanted BEN DAVIS to go to Boston for the convention there. Subject said that he was against this but could not elaborate to HALL as he had been away too long to catch up on all the recent events. He said that DAVIS just wants to go up there to act like a big shot and enhance his position.

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NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the financial problems of the National Office and the subject complained that he is having a lot of headaches with bill collectors. He said he is sick and tired of this and from now on he is going to have GUS HALL do some of the worrying about the money in the future. He said that he is going to tell HALL that he should go out and try to raise some money. He said that NY State organization will need $10,000 next week and that BILL ALBERTSON is crazy if he thinks the National Office is going to come up with it.

The subject continued stating they are having all kinds of foolish small bills come in, one for $45.00 for pictures of GUS HALL and one for $10.00 for Spanish newspapers for JESUS COLON. He said that he spent all day Monday going over bankbooks with MARY KAUFMAN and on Tuesday he was with JOHN ABT trying to figure what they will make on this affair they are having for ABT. He said that the Party owes $20,000. in bills and he is supposed to worry about meeting them. He said there has been a rule for 35 years in the Party that dues money is not to be touched and that this rule is going to be kept as long as he has any responsibility. He said the National Office does not get any dues from Illinois and California because it was set up that way.

Subject continued that the Party used to pay $5,000 a year social security tax when he took over his present position and now they pay $10,000 a year. He said they have increased their budget in wages $20,000 per year. He said GUS HALL spends money very foolishly and as an example he bought a new car which he certainly did not need.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted ISADORE WOFSY and they made arrangements for WOFSY to contact certain persons including BILL ALBERTSON and GUS HALL regarding matters which apparently related to finances.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

CP-NEW YORK DISTRICT
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On 11/6/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following.

PHIL and CONNIE discussed the New York District Convention which they both had attended the previous day and PHIL was very upset about the way it was run. He commented that he did not like the way that GUSS HALL "was holding hands" with ESTHER CANTOR all during lunch hour. He said that HALL knows what she is and we know it too.

CONNIE commented that she felt GUS had been shaken by what had happened. PHIL said that he thought this was true and that if ESTHER had organized the thing herself, it could not have gone more her way. PHIL then commented very critically of ABE UNGER who he described as a "lousy ambulance chaser". He said that UNGER had talked just the way he would if he were defending a pickpocket. Someone should have stepped on him and told him that his shyster tactics have no place in the CP. CONNIE agreed and said that he was trying to tell HALL about Marxism and that is one of the things that make her mad. PHIL said he should have told him he didn't need any lessons in Marxism from the likes of him.

0-New York (100-56579 PHILIP BART (415)
1-New York (100-12959 CONNIE BART (415)
1-New York (100-84994 GUS HALL (414)
1-New York (100-50094 ESTHER CANTOR (414)
1-New York (100- ABE UNGER (414)
1-New York (100-13473 SI GERSON (415)
1-New York (100-27452 BOB THOMPSON (415)
1-New York (100-26603)

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CONNIE said that charges should be preferred against one of them. PHIL commented that their aim is to ruin the Party and then at convention time pick up the pieces but they are not going to get away with it.

Later in the afternoon, the BARTS discussed a social affair they were invited to, and CONNIE commented that the GERSONS would be there. PHIL said that this made up his mind not to go. Hesaid he has to deal with GERSON politically but he doesn't have to personally. He said that GERSON is no better than ESTHER and that his status and effectiveness in the Party are not very high. He said the Party can do without Holk politicians like GERSON. He said he has no more use for him than he does for CANTOR.

CONNIE BART then discussed the possibility of inviting BOB THOMPSON over for a social visit and PHIL commented that BOB is not allowed to travel to Brooklyn. CONNIE then suggested that they meet him in New York and go out for the evening.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-13483)

SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

BETTY GANNETT
IS-C

On 10/25/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following.

PHIL and CONNIE discussed BETTY GANNETT and her "cool attitude". CONNIE said that she told BETTY that she wanted to get one thing down and that was that the Party had always come first with she and PHIL and that it always will, and consequently she should base her judgment on that fact. PHIL continued that the only thing to do with her is to ignore her as she is even attacking GUS HALL.

PHIL then mentioned that GUS had to interrupt a meeting today in order to have his picture taken. He said that this had something to do with Pravda. He said that HALL, in a very short time, has developed a good standing in the World Movement and is well recognized in other countries.

1-New York (100-56577 PHILIP BART (415)
1-New York (100-12959 CONNIE BART (415)
1-New York (100-84994 GUS HALL (415)
1-New York (100-13483)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

CP-KINGS COUNTY
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On 11/2/60, NY 1637-S* furnished photographs of information in the possession of PHIL and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., New York, New York.

Among the photographs furnished were those of "Literature Reports" in what appeared to be the Kings County CP for the periods of January, February, March, April and May, 1960. These reports are made out by section and contain the names of the CP Sections in Kings County.

1-New York (100-56579 PHILIP BART (415)
1-New York (100-12959 CONNIE BART (415)
1-New York (100-26603 C-43 (422)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603) DATE: 11/28/60

FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP,USA
NEW YORK DISTRICT
IS - C

Identity of Source [redacted]

Description of info NYS CP Committee meeting on 11/5/60

Date Received 11/8/60

Original located [redacted]

A copy of informant's report follows:

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1 - New York [redacted]
1 - New York (100-84994)(GUS HALL)(415)
1 - New York (100-106518)(EMIL SHAW)(422)
1 - New York (100- )(ESTHER LNU from lower East Side, attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]
1 - New York (100- )(MIKE LNU, 45, w,m, attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60, per [redacted]
1 - New York (100- )(BEN LNU, Asian, m, 40, attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]
1 - New York (100-82863)(ARTHUR EDELMAN)(424)
1 - New York (100-87995)(JOE EDELMAN)(424)
1 - New York (100-107856)[redacted]
1 - New York (100- )(NAT LNU, w, m, [redacted] attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]
1 - New York (100- )(SHEVRA LNU, w,f, attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]
1 - New York (100-95550)(PAUL E. ROBESON)(421)

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1 - New York (100-50094)(ESTHER UNGER)(421)
1 - New York (100-67234)(RUTH SHULMAN)(424)
1 - New York (100-111666)(JACK SHULMAN)(424)
1 - New York (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - New York (100-12959)(CONNIE BART)(415)
1 - New York (100-131529)[redacted]
1 - New York (100-138552)(EMMA ELLSWORTH)(422)
1 - New York (100-96627)(AL GUYTON)(422)
1 - New York (100-135084)[redacted]
1 - New York (100-9369)(TED BASSETT)(421)
1 - New York (100-103907)[redacted]
1 - New York (100-60640)(HAROLD COLLINS)(414)
1 - New York (100-129629)(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(414)
1 - New York (100-5106)(CLARENCE HATHAWAY)(414)
1 - New York (100-84275)(WILLIAM PATTERSON)(415)
1 - New York (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(415)
1 - New York (100-13483)(BETTY TORMEY)
1 - New York (100-67348)(ANN FRIEDLANDER)(422)
1 - New York (100-15946)(JAMES TORMEY)(422)
1 - New York (100- )(SOPHIE LNU, w, f, from Manhattan attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]

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1 - New York (100-54555)(EVELYN WIENER)(424)
1 - New York (100-98068)(JERRY ROOT)(422)
1 - New York (100-131135)(JACK WEISS)(422)
1 - New York (100-113089)(LISA PODOLSKY)(422)
1 - New York (100- )(SHELLY LNU, w, f, 23, attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]
1 - New York (100- )(LENNIE LNU, w, m, father of SHELLY LNU, attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]
1 - New York (100- )(IDA LNU, w, f; from Manhattan, attended NYS CP Committee meeting, 11/5/60 per [redacted]
1 - New York (100-26603-C43)(KCCP)(422)

11/8/60

On 11/5/60, an enlarged meeting of the New York State Communist Party Committee was held at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York, N.Y. The meeting consisted of two sessions. The morning session ended at 2:00 p.m. and the afternoon session lasted from 3:00 p.m. to about 6:15 p.m.

GUS HALL spoke during the entire morning session on what was happening to the Communist Party in the New York District. He inferred that the Communist Party members in that district were lazy and warned that either they would have to get out and work for the Communist Party or there would be no Communist Party in that district.

The following people spoke during the afternoon session: b6 b7C

[redacted] who was introduced as TOM from Coney Island. He blamed the current situation on the officials of the New York District; for not holding meetings during the past six months; and for not keeping the membership advised on what to do.

ESTHER LNU, from the lower East Side, who was also active in the People's Rights Party campaign in theBronx in recent months. She stated that she had not known of the shortcomings of the membership to which GUS HALL had referred and she wanted to know why they had not been brought to the attention of the membership previously.

MIKE LNU from Manhattan, white, male, about 45 years old, 5'4" to 5'5", 150 pounds, crisp curly hair; clean cut looking, and appears to be foreign born. He had spoken at the previous NY State CP Committee meeting, held on 10/29/60, on the need for street demonstrations on the Cuban situation.

BEN LNU, Asian, male, from Manhataan, about 40 years old, 5'4", 160 lbs; light tan complexion, oily skin, silky black hair, stocky build, black eyes, and wears glasses. He had spoken at the previous NY State CP Committee meeting, held on 10/29/60 on the Cuban situation.

[redacted] He spoke about the work done in his club and how they collected food and had it sent down south by truck for distribution to the needy negroes. b6 b7C

[redacted] whose hair has been restored to its original dark color. He spoke about having been treated badly by the Communist Party, because of some indiscretion concerning the taxi cab industry and that the club to which he had belonged having been dissolved without any apparent reason or being given a chance to vindicate himself.

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NAT LNU, white, male, about 48 to 52 years old, 6'00", 250 pounds, heavy set, dark hair and eyes, sallow complexion, thinning hair, and had a cast on his arm. He opposed the remarks of GUS HALL and received a lot of applause.

SHEVRA LNU, white, female, Jewish; -

- sallow complexion, wears glasses with thick lens, and resides in the Bronx. She opposed GUS HALL.

PAUL E. ROBESON,JR. He also opposed GUS HALL.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following individuals were in attendance also at this meeting:

CONNIE JACKSON
MILDRED EDELMAN
ESTHER CANTOR UNGER
RUTH SHULMAN
JACK SHULMAN
PHIL BART
CONNIE BART
[redacted]
EMMA ELLSWORTH
AL GUYTON
[redacted]
TED BASSETT
[redacted]
HAROLD COLLINS
WILLIAM ALBERTSON
DANNY RUBEL
CLARENCE HATHAWAY
WILLIAM PATTERSON
ARNOLD JOHNSON
BETTY TORMEY
ANNIE FRIEDLANDER
JAMES TORMEY

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SOPHIE LNU, white, female, about 60 to 65 years old, 5'2" - 5'3", 150 lbs, wide hips, hair parted in the middle with hair braided over the top of her head, and works at the book shop.

JERRY ROOT
JACK WEISS
LISA PODOLSKY
SHELLY LNU, white, female, 5'00", 130 lbs, about 23 years old, dark eyes, reddish golden hair, and is a secretary to WILLIAM ALBERTSON.

LENNIE LNU, white, male, and the father of SHELLY LNU.

IDA LNU, white, female, from Manhattan, and was chairman in morning session of the previous NY State Committee meeting held on 10/29/60.
EVELYN WEINER

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# *Memorandum*

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) DATE: NOV 20 1960

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN #415

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
IS-C

On 11/2/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following.

The subject mentioned to his wife that he had decided to go to his Club meeting the previous evening and that HAROLD COLLINS had been there for the first time in quite a while. He said that ANDY (REMES) was also in attendance and that he had managed to talk to him for a short time. He said that he had suggested ANDY as chairman of the meeting and advised that they needed someone who was working in a shop. He said that it was obvious that COLLINS and a few others attended the meeting for the purpose of attempting to get an invitation to the New York District Conference to be held that coming Saturday, November 5. He said that that was definitely the reason that COLLINS was hanging around. He said that he actually gave the invitation REMES and that if he can't make it, he will appoint someone else.

BART continued that if some of these people are trying to take the meeting, they had better not try. He said the New York Office is not in the mood for anything funny and BEN DAVIS is going to find this out. He said DAVIS took a walk this week and decided to go on vacation so as to have nothing to do with the meeting.

1-New York (100-14899 ANDY REMES (422)
1-New York (100- HAROLD COLLINS (422)
1-New York (100-23825 BEN DAVIS (415)
1-New York (100-13483 BETTY GANNETT (414)
1-New York (100-26603 CP-New York District (414)
1-New York (100-56579)

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Again discussing the coming Conference, subject said that it would be a very busy day and that there will be much to do in a short space of time. He said there will be a general reorganization, but that no one will be getting greatly hurt or greatly rewarded. He said that GUS claims that no one is being punished.

He said that BETTY GANNETT is to be relegated strictly to education, and that when she found out she really blew her top. He said that BEN DAVIS showed up yesterday and still is acting like Counselman DAVIS, but that he should realize that image is dead.

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN /415

CP-SOUTHERN REGION
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On 11/4/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following.

PHIL mentioned the impending New York District CP Conventions to be held the following day and commented that GUS HALL's report would reflect the need for letter recruiting policies. He said that the CP has to be built up and that if need be, it would have to resort to a secret membership in the south. He said that the Party is now putting a penalty for all these revisionists who nearly wrecked it.

He said that he had made a proposal at the office to cut out a number of leaders in County work. He said that there are too many titles and not enough work. He stated, however, that the Party will indicate a full time trade union man in Brooklyn.

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On 11/2/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following.

PHIL mentioned to his wife that the National Committee meeting and the Christmas party will be held this year at the Russian Hall-(ph).

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1-New York (100-12959 CONNIE BART (415)
1-New York (100-97976 American Russian Center Incorporated (41)
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HOMER BATES CHASE
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On 10/31/60, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place between PHILIP and CONNIE BART at their residence at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, New York. Among the matters discussed by the BARTS were the following.

PHIL mentioned HOMER BATES CHASE and described him as "nutty". He said that CHASE is saying that MARX was alone, LENIN was alone and that FOSTER was alone and that just because he CHASE stands alone does not mean he is wrong. CONNIE commented that this was the same argument that CHARLIE LOMAN advised in his time. PHIL retorted this was true, but that LOMAN was a little more subtle.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, DETROIT DATE: 11/25/60

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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Care must be utilized in handling and reporting the following information since its very nature tends to identify a sensitive and highly placed informant.

This letter is submitted to set forth, in some detail, remarks made by those in attendance at a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests held 11/9/60, in CP Headquarters, NYC, as reported by NY 2359-S* on that date. A summary of the meeting was furnished to the Bureau in a letterhead memo dated 11/10/60.

Among those present were: BEN DAVIS, JR., HY LUMER, PHIL BART, WILLIAM WEINSTONE, IRVING POTASH, JACK STACHEL, CLARENCE HATHAWAY, JOSEPH NORTH and ARNOLD JOHNSON.

2 - Detroit (RM)
2 - Boston (RM)
(1 - 100- )(HOMER BATES CHASE)
1 - Miami (Info)(RM)
2 - San Francisco (RM)
(1 - 100- )(AL RICHMOND)
2 - Seattle (RM)
(1 - 100- )(BERT NELSON)
1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS, JR.)(415)
1 - NY (100-105078)(HY LUMER)(415)
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-9595)(WILLIAM WEINSTONE)(415)
1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)

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1 - NY (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(414)
1 - NY (97-4196)("The Fair Play For Cuba Committee")
1 - NY (100-86624)(CP, USA - International Relations)(415)

HY LUMER opened the meeting and announced that a sub-committee had drafted a document proposing the addition of a special section to the Communist Party Constitution. He said this section is to deal exclusively with defining and explaining the concept of democratic centralism. LUMER proposed that this amendment is offered as a "stop-gap" measure until the next National Convention. He said further that the National Convention could then authorize the National Secretariat to commission a special committee in order to "redraft" the Communist Party Constitution as a whole.

Continuing, LUMER remarked that preliminary drafts of this proposed amendment had been sent to National Committee members in order to elicit their opinions. LUMER noted that replies were received from only three members: BERT NELSON, who suggested editorial changes, and from TOM DENNIS and AL RICHMOND, both of whom "objected strongly" to the method of handling the question.

Informant advised that following further discussion regarding editorial changes in the proposed amendments it was decided that HY LUMER and WILL WEINSTONE be delegated as a committee to incorporate certain changes. The amendment with changes are to be presented to the next meeting of the National Committee (scheduled December 16, 17 and 18, 1960).

HY LUMER next discussed the case of HOMER BATES CHASE in New England. He recommended that written charges against CHASE should be presented to the National Committee

at its next meeting. He said that the National Committee could set up a sub-committee in order to handle the matter. LUMER noted that CHASE can be given the right to address the members of the National Committee at its next meeting. LUMER commented that inasmuch as the expulsion of CHASE is not under consideration but merely his relationship to the National Committee, the issue of a trial is not involved. LUMER also felt that a report on the general situation in New England should be given to the National Committee members.

BEN DAVIS commented that HOMER CHASE has a "criminal attitude" toward the Party and would not hesitate to bring the Party into court.

JOSEPH NORTH next gave a few comments regarding Cuba which he said should be brought before this body. NORTH commented that the situation in Cuba is extremely serious in that an economic war is going on at present and added to this is the question of a threatened invasion of Cuba.

NORTH said that there are 25 to 50 thousand anti-CASTRO counter-revolutionaries training within 30 miles of Miami, Florida. He said there were also training of counter-revolutionaries going on in Haiti and that 30 planes with paratroopers had arrived in Guatamala.

NORTH next discussed "The Fair Play For Cuba Committee" which he said has been organized and consists of a half-dozen branches throughout the country. He said

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this committee is dominated by Trotskyites and that they are planning a meeting on November 17th at the Rennaissance Ballroom in Harlem. According to NORTH, the speakers scheduled for this meeting are ROBERT WILLIAMS (ph), President of the Union County NAACP; WILLIAM WORTHY (ph), connected with the Afro-American newspaper, and DAVID H. WATT (ph).

NORTH suggested that a committee consisting of leading Negroes, trade unionists and cultural figures should announce to the press that they are going down to Florida to investigate what is going on in our country.

PHIL BART commented briefly concerning the formation of "The Fair Play For Cuba Committee". He said that a lot of confusion existed in its development but that it has had tremendous response.

IRVING POTASH inquired why the national leadership of the Communist Party was not advised of developments in the organizing of this committee. He also asked how Trotskyites could take control withoug the Party knowing about it.

By way of explanation PHIL BART, in commenting on the formation of the committee, said that it was set up following the appearance of an ad in a newspaper. He said this ad was put in by two people "we had nothing to do with". BART said these people worked in such a way that they wanted no "leftist domination".

Continuing, BART commented that "they" called a meeting in Greenwich Village on a Sunday morning in a room so dark that nobody could see anyone. They nominated their own slate and were voted in withoug discussion. BART added that "we" had a number of people at the meeting but they were not recognized in order to speak.

HY LUMER commenting generally on the Cuban situation pointed out that the Party has been receiving a great deal of requests from the districts for material on Cuba. LUMER criticized the Party for lack of leadership in this field.

ARNOLD JOHNSON said that he had seen A. J. MUSTIE and that MUSTIE was getting out a strong statement against United States intervention in Cuba.

BEN DAVIS, JR. suggested that JOSEPH NORTH's report and recommendation of a "delegation to Florida" be adopted. DAVIS accused the Party of having failed to pay sufficient attention to the Cuban situation. He suggested that the Party should take steps to counteract Trotskyite influence in this field. As an example, he thought the Party should establish an Ad Hoc Committee to sponsor a demonstration outside the United States Mission to the United Nations in order to call to the minds of the American people the serious dangers there. He also suggested that "The Worker" should consider publishing some sort of special edition devoted to Cuba.

At the conclusion of the meeting JOSEPH NORTH said that he was in favor of someone of the National Committee of the CP, USA being relieved of all other duties for approximately three months in order to take part in the formation and the leading of this delegation to Florida.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63) Date: 11/25/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)

SUBJECT: CP, USA-FUNDS
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On 11/8/60, NY 2002-S* who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO, data concerning CP, USA National Income received during the period 10/14/60---11/4/60. The following is a summary of this information:

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1 - NY (100-70281) (PHIL BART) (415) NI HQ
1 - NY (100-68934 (JOAN PAUL) (422)
1 - NY (100-67234) (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
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| 2788 | 10/14/60 | NY, Ed. Dept. | $2.00 | 4 Education outlines |
| 2789 | 10/14/60 | New York | 32.00 | 4000 Election Flyers |
| 2790 | 10/14/60 | Brooklyn County | 40.00 | 5000 Election Flyers |
| 2795 | 10/17/60 | Phil. | 60.00 | 6000 Election Platform |
| 2796 | 10/17/60 | New Jersey | 36.50 | 3000 Election Platform-$24 and 50 Kn. pamphlets $12.50 |
| 2797 | 10/17/60 | E. Pa. | 17.68 | 40 (1959) dues |
| 2798 | 10/17/60 | E. Pa. | 107.62 | 654 (1960) dues (gross $526.90), 9 initiations-$4.50 less $160.33 due District |
| 2799 | 10/18/60 | Bronx | 24.00 | 3000 Election Flyers |
| 2800 | 10/18/60 | Michigan | 60.00 | 6000 Election Flyers |
| 2801 | 10/18/60 | NYS | 8.00 | 1000 Election Flyers (Manh.) |
| 2802 | 10/18/60 | Manhattan | 8.00 | 1000 Election Flyers |
| 2803 | 10/19/60 | Rochester | 5.00 | 500 Election Flyers |
| 2804 | 10/19/60 | Oregon | 16.50 | 55 K. pamphlets |
| 2805 | 10/19/60 | "The Worker" | 16.85 | For telegrams included in N.O. bill |
| 2806 | 10/19/60 | NYS | 108.02 | 260 dues |
| 2807 | 10/20/60 | Oregon | 5.00 | 500 Election Flyers |
| 2808 | 10/20/60 | A. JOHNSON | 30.00 | Repayment of 1 loan |
| 2809 | 10/20/60 | Unidentified | 10.00 | Contribution |

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| 2810 | 10/20/60 | Unidentified | $220.00 | Contribution |
| 2811 | 10/20/60 | Unidentified | 450.00 | Contribution |
| 2812 | 10/20/60 | JOAN PAUL | 5.00 | A/C Loan |
| 2813 | | Void | | |
| 2814 | 10/21/60 | PHIL BART | 100.00 | Loan to office |
| 2815 | 10/21/60 | Manhattan | 35.00 | 4500 Election Flyers |
| 2816 | 10/21/60 | Unidentified | 320.00 | Contribution |
| 2817 | 10/21/60 | Unidentified | 200.00 | Contribution |
| 2818 | 10/24/60 | Unidentified | 340.00 | Contribution |
| 2819 | 10/24/60 | Unidentified | 50.00 | Contribution |
| 2920 | 10/25/60 | Unidentified | 110.00 | Contribution |
| 2921 | 10/26/60 | Unidentified | 250.00 | Contribution |
| 2922 | 10/26/60 | Unidentified | 100.00 | Contribution |
| 2923 | 10/27/60 | Unidentified | 410.00 | Contribution |
| 2924 | 10/27/60 | BEN DAVIS | 5.00 | A/C Loan |
| 2925 | 10/27/60 | Minnesota | 84.45 | 215 dues (gross $158);initiation fee-$.50 and 9 S.S. assess.-$4 |
| 2926 | 10/27/60 | No. Dakota | 2.50 | 35 dues (gross $18 and 4 S.S. Assess.- $2.50 less District allowance for travel. |
| 2927 | 10/28/60 | Wisconsin | 12.85 | Literature |
| 2928 | 10/28/60 | Unidentified | 240.00 | Contribution |
| 2929 | 10/31/60 | Industrial (NYS | 10.00 | Election Flyers |
| 2930 | 10/31/60 | New England | 2.50 | Contribution fo Defense |
| 2931 | 10/31/60 | Oklahoma | 7.58 | 36 dues |
| 2932 | 10/31/60 | Oklahoma | 1.00 | Literature |
| 2933 | 10/31/60 | Unidentified | 2000.00 | Contribution |
| 2934 | | Void | | |

| Receipt No. | Date of Receipts | Source | Amount | Details |
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| 2935 | 11/1/60 | NYS | $52.20 | 314 dues (gross $337.40) less exchange item returned to S.O and overpayment-$113.50 |
| 2936 | 11/1/60 | NYS | 262.12 | 424 dues (gross $520.25) and 4 initiations-$20 |
| 2937 | 11/2/60 | Minnesota | 6.00 | 200 pamphlets "Declaration of Havana" |
| 2938 | 11/2/60 | Unidentified | 305.00 | Contribution |
| 2939 | 11/4/60 | Richmond, Va. | 15.50 | 38 dues |
| 2940 | 11/4/60 | Unidentified | 190.00 | Contribution |
| 2941 | 11/4/60 | Unidentified | 410.00 | Contribution |
| 2942 | 11/4/60 | Unidentified | 95.00 | Contribution |

Receipts 2788-2790 were signed by "J. P.", believed to be the initials of JOAN PAUL, a CP, USA National Office clerical employee.

The remaining receipts were signed by "R. S.", believed to be the initials of RUTH SHULMAN, another National Office clerical employee.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579)

DATE: NOV. 22 1960

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-C

NY 694-S* advised on 10/28/60, that the National and New York State Offices of the Communist Party; the Editorial and Office Staff of "The Worker," an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper, currently occupy the premises at 23 W. 26th St., NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed at 23 W. 26th St., as indicated below: b6 b7C

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